

We Take The IOM Cut of Service!

THE DRAGON MOTOR CAR CO., LTD.

Telephone Central 1246 or 1247
33, Wong Nei Chung Road, Happy Valley

China Mail

ESTABLISHED 1840

Wishing all our customers the compliments of the season.

N. LAZARUS
RALPH A. COOPER, Manager

No. 19,688 HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1925. PRICE, \$3.00 Per Month.

WHITEAWAY'S

FOR
FOUR DAYS ONLY.

A
SPECIAL SALE

OF
TOYS, GAMES, CRACKERS, Etc. Etc.

JUST TO CLEAR ODDMENTS

Monday, Dec. 28th TO Thursday, Dec. 31st.

25 % TO 50 % Discount

WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW & CO., LTD., HONGKONG.

ROBERTSON

ASBESTOS PROTECTED METAL ROOFING

DAVIE, BOAG & CO., LTD.
Bank of Canton Building.
Samples and particulars on application.

BANKER'S

Mail Order Letters & Methods

INDUSTRY BOOK DEPARTMENT

MOYON

GRAVE LORE.

COMPASS IN MURDER TRIAL.

AN ALIBI DEFENCE.

A geomancer's compass figured in the murder trial proceedings this morning. Its use in relation to the superstition of grave placing being detailed.

The prisoner charged with the murder of an Indian constable had stated that he was often consulted with regard to suitable placings for graves and that his reason for going to Chinese territory was not that he was flying from justice but that he had been called to choose a site for a grave.

The Attorney General this morning showed him a geomancer's compass, which plays a large part in the "fung shui" (grave-side) superstition. Prisoner admitted that he did not know anything about its use.

He did not know why in his statement made after arrest he had used the words "ran to" and "told to flee," he stated in the course of further cross-examination.

He was confused because he was "suffocated with anger" at having been tricked, prisoner stated further. That was why there was no actual denial of the murder in the statement.

The Attorney General: It was a long period of suffocation as the statement was made over a day and night after your arrest.

The Attorney General cross-examined prisoner at some length on the manner in which he got wood for his fish nets. Prisoner admitted that he had to use long fir tree poles, but said that he bought them from Yau-mat. He had heard of Government plantations being robbed but denied that he was a man arrested by the murdered Indian constable for wood cutting.

The case is still proceeding.

Prisoner's Denial.

In the witness box yesterday, prisoner denied having had anything to do with the shooting of the Indian constable or that he showed reluctance to go into British territory to sign deeds in connection with the transfer of property. He had heard from his son, he admitted, that there was a reward of \$1,000 offered in connection with the arrest of a man with the same name as his.

He had made the statement with regard to another man paying him \$100 for shooting the constable because it was this man's wife who had got him arrested when he crossed into British territory further stated the prisoner. He made that statement in order to involve her in it. He was confused at the time. This was because he had been beaten and his wife and son had been prevented from crossing the border and held to ransom.

PUT ON SHELF.

ALTERNATIVE PEAK ROUTE PLAN.

IS THERE SCOPE?

Reference was made in the Council yesterday to a flying survey of a possible tramway track between the neighbourhood of Murray Barracks and Wanchai Gap.

This was made for the Government by a private firm of architects many months ago when it was thought possible that there would be scope for an alternative route to more remote Peak districts than those in the neighbourhood of Victoria Gap.

Nothing definite was settled neither was a tramway the only means of transport thought of, a route for "buses" being borne in mind as a possibility.

The survey was a "flying" or rough one and no definite line was established. As the scheme would probably have been contingent to a certain degree on the military lands problem, and also as there were other aspects of the problem, it was decided some time ago temporarily to shelve it and that is how matters stand at present.

TODAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on Saturday, Dec. 26, was 2/4 3/4.

BORDER SHOOTING.

VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS' BRAVERY.

A ROBBER SHOT DEAD.

A \$10,000 FINE.

SEQUEL TO AN OPIUM RAID.

CHINESE WIDOW'S MISFORTUNE.

A fine of \$10,000, which is slightly less than ten times the value of an opium seizure (106 taels) was imposed by Mr. R. E. Lloyd, the Central Magistrate, this morning on a Chinese widow living at a flat in Lascar Row.

The case had been adjourned from Monday to enable Mr. C. A. S. Russ to appear for the defence. Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, prosecuted.

Describing the raid carried out on Saturday morning, Revenue Officer J. W. Beattie said that the opium was found hidden in a cavity near the fire place where the kitchen utensils were kept.

Mr. Lloyd said that the defendant when brought to the office told him that a Chinese seaman whom she had as a lodger left the opium there, promising to pay 20 cents per tael for storage. The seaman had not been traced.

After evidence given by the defendant from the witness box, Mr. Russ said it seemed extremely likely that what Mr. Lloyd said was right. It was obvious, that the woman was not the owner of the opium, but unfortunately she was caught while the principal offender got away as happens so often.

The sentence was a fine as stated above, with the alternative of nine months' imprisonment.

OUR PORT.

Ships using Sulphur Channel are requested to proceed at slow speed as the wash from shipping is causing inconvenience to port development works.

Three cases came up at the Marine Court this morning, fines being imposed as follows:

Master of the motor-boat "Africa," \$15 for not exhibiting regulation lights while under way.

Master of s.s. "Wing Fook," \$5 for not observing rule of road.

Junkmaster, \$5, for obstructing Central Fairway.

HON. MR. HALLIFAX.

TO ACT AS COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The "China Mail" understands that the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax is to be Acting Colonial Secretary when the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher leaves Hongkong.

The "Steamboat Co.'s" new s.s. "Taishan" will be making special trips to Macao on Saturday and Sunday. It is likely that she will replace the "Sui An" for the time being.

Franklin's strong opinion may be expected to be given by the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax when he comes to Hongkong.

SPARK TALKS.

STEAMER'S EVENTFUL VOYAGE.

KMAS DAY GROUNDING.

Captain M. Costello of the Indo-China s.s. "Fooksang" reports an eventful voyage coming here from Calcutta via Singapore.

Thrip commenced with strong moon and heavy sea, says his report, moderately later, and increasing to a gale with high sea beating the China Coast.

On Christmas Day (three days out from Singapore), the "Fooksang" received a wireless message to the effect that the s.s. "City of Baroda" also well known in Hongkong (agent, Bank Line)—was ashore on a reef at M. Luconia Shoals, 2 fathoms patch off the Horse Breakers. Later in the day it transpired that the "City of Linbin" had proceeded to help, that the "Baroda" had floated off and was making for Singapore at half-speed, and that the "Fooksang" assistance was not further required.

Canton River Ships.

The Steamboat Co.'s "Lung-shan" went aground yesterday afternoon, being delayed a few hours coming down here from Canton.

It is stated that the s.s. "Kwang-lee" has been aground, on the mud, for several days, with the result that all has collected in the neighbourhood.

END IN SIGHT?

LOCAL PEACE DELEGATES LEAVE.

CANTON STRIKE MEDIATION.

That morning the delegates elected by the Chinese merchants left for Canton, their stated mission being to negotiate, with the Canton Chambers of Commerce, and the Strike Executive, for an early settlement.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kowall and Mr. Ho Kwong were among the many influential Chinese down at the wharf to bid the peace mission goodspeed.

An optimistic tone prevails in Chinese business circles, that the departure of the delegates is the first step towards ending the "strike."

SOVIET SPLIT.

OPPOSITION TO PRIVATE CAPITAL.

COMMUNISTS' WAR.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, Dec. 29.

The Congress of the Russian Communist Party adopted a resolution urging the continuation of the fight against the Right and the Ultra-Left and endeavour to create unity in the International labour movement.

The vote was taken after M. Zinoviev had read a report favouring merciless opposition to private capital.

M. Zinoviev's report was the outcome of a five-hour speech by M. Stalin last week on the work of the Executive Committee, which aroused opposition and culminated in a demand for M. Zinoviev, Chairman of the Executive, himself to make a report.

RADIO PROGRESS.

BIGGEST STATION IN THE WORLD.

THE WORLD ITS OYSTER.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 29.

The world's biggest radio station, which has been erected at the East. Office at Hill, Morton near Rugby, will be open for transmission Friday, Dec. 30, and will have a range of 18,000 miles, which is such that the full circumference of the globe is well within limits.

The station, which cost half a million sterling, covers 900 acres, and has a main mast, 200 feet high, and a secondary mast, 100 feet high, and a large number of smaller masts.

"THIS NONSENSE."

MAGISTRATE ON SEDITIOUS LITERATURE.

ADMONITION TO OFFENDERS.

"You have been found to be in possession of documents which are undoubtedly seditious. You have got to understand that this sort of seditious nonsense is composed by people merely to suit their own ends in an effort to keep alive the bad feeling between England and China. The people of Hongkong who live under the protection of Great Britain pay no attention to such nonsense; they treat it with the contempt which it deserves. You have been stupid enough each to have a copy of the pamphlet in your possession. I am prepared to believe that your action was due to foolishness rather than to deliberate criminal intent. Be aware that you do not err in the same way again. You are fined \$10 each."

These words were addressed by Mr. R. E. Lindell to two Chinese youths at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The case was one in which the youths were charged on remand with the possession of seditious pamphlets. They were both caught by Detective Sergeant Tyler, one while coming from Macao and the other on his way there.

SOVIET RIFLES.

FOUND ON KUOMINCHUN PRISONERS.

RUSSIAN IN THE RANKS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tsingtao, Dec. 28.

An official despatch from Tsingtao declares that the Shan-tung troops effected a junction with Li Ching-in's forces. The former captured Kuominchun prisoners and a large number of rifles bearing the initials "U.S.S.R. 1925." Hundreds of Russians were seen in the Kuominchun divisions.

GENERAL LI AT TSINAN.

Peking, Dec. 30.

With reference to the Chetoo telegram reporting General Li's departure for Shanghai, a Consul telegram states that General Li Ching-in and party arrived at Tsingtao on Monday morning and left for Tsinan immediately.

General Chang Tsun-chang has recalled General Li Shou-chen to Tsinan from Tsingtao. It is expected that the conference held there will determine their future attitude vis-a-vis the Kuominchun.

It is stated that rolling-stock is being concentrated at Tsinan in case of emergency.

CHANG'S SUCCESS.

BOLSHEVIST INFLUENCE FRUSTRATED.

RECKONED WITHOUT JAPANESE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 29.

The "Daily Mail," pointing out the need of a strong man in China, says that it is something in Chang Tso-lin's favour that the Bolsheviks exerted all their influence against him and were openly counting on his complete defeat, after which they intended to seize Mukden. Fortunately, for civilisation, they reckoned without the Japanese. Why the Chinese should fight among themselves for the special benefit of their Bolshevik enemies it is difficult to understand.

KUO'S OFFICIALS.

Japanese Press messages from Mukden and Dairen report that anti-Japanese sentiments are increasing owing to Japan's refusal to hand over General Kuo's men who have taken refuge in the Japanese Consulate at Hailin, and it is understood that the Government on humanitarian grounds has determined to give them all possible protection as they are political refugees.

"MIGHT COME OFF."

HONGKONG RAIN FROM FOG TESTS.

PROF. RAFFEY'S RETICENCE.

Seen by a "China Mail" representative with regard to the interesting experiments in rain producing from the Peak fogs, Prof. Raffey, directing the study of electrical engineering at the Hongkong University, (who is the Professor referred to by the Colonial Secretary yesterday), said that he would rather not say anything about the matter in its present stage.

It was "only a little hobby," carried on in his spare time, added Mr. Raffey. At the present moment he was not engaged in thought on it as he was taking a short rest after the University examinations. The experiments were "rather out of the usual" and might or might not come off. The complete instruments were not even here yet and he did not feel inclined to go into details at present.

TOBACCO SMUGGLE.

BIG HAUL ON HARBOUR JUNK.

ORDERED TO BE CONFISCATED.

The seizure of 57 bales of raw tobacco leaf, weighing from 60 to 70 piculs, and valued at over \$2,000, was made when Revenue Officer H. V. Pearce went with a party to the Yau-mat typhoon shelter on Monday afternoon. The tobacco was found in the hold of a small harbour junk.

Application for confiscation was made by Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when evidence of the seizure was given.

Mr. Lloyd said that a young Chinese, giving his name as Ng Tong, and claiming to be a travelling trader from Macao, visited him in the office yesterday morning. This man told him that he had come from the San Wui district and was entrusted with the sale of the tobacco on behalf of another. He had been asked to attend Court at 10.30 this morning but he had failed to do so. The tobacco, Mr. Lloyd thought, had been brought into the Colony by a smuggling junk and transferred into the other vessel. No permits had been obtained for importation of the tobacco.

The Magistrate made formal order for confiscation of the tobacco.

FRENCH TANGO.

POPULARISED BY PRINCE OF WALES.

By the latest Home mail Miss Doris Woods has received a copy of the "Dancing Times" (London), in which it is stated that the French Tango is much in evidence in London, being seen at all the principal dances, both public and private.

This dance has become popular since the return of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales from South America. He greatly favours this pretty dance, which should in time find a place on dance programmes in Hongkong, as it is being taught by Miss Doris Woods, the well-known and clever teacher.

ON THE RHINE.

BRITISH TAKING OVER WIESBADEN.

NEW POSITION AFTER APRIL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, Dec. 29.

The British will officially take over Wiesbaden from the French tomorrow.

According to the newspapers the British and French authorities have agreed a plan of evacuation under which only two French Army Corps will remain on the Rhine after April.

MACKINTOSH'S

— ANNUAL —

STOCK CLEARANCE SALE

THREE DAYS ONLY
JANUARY 4th, 5th & 6th

Only our regular goods are being offered, therefore the genuine MACKINTOSH QUALITY throughout is guaranteed. From 1/4 to 1/2 off current prices represents the saving which can be made.

MACKINTOSH & CO., LTD.

Man's Wear Specialists.
Alexandra Building, Des Vaux Road.

These who deal with us are assured of the best value for their money.

LOW PRICES

FRESH STOCK
FINE QUALITY
ALTHOUGH SERVICES

TABACQUERIA FILIPINA

FOR SALE.

Wonders of the Past
Animals of all Countries
Children's Encyclopedia
Household Encyclopedia
World's Library of Best Books
Great Books in Outline

at
LEE YEE
No. 12, D'Aguiar Street, HONGKONG.

LEE KEE

Agent for
HENRY RICHARD TILE CO'S.

We have a large stock of White Glazed Wall Tiles, Coloured Glazed Wall Tiles, Ceramic Mosaic Tiles, Geometrical Mosaic Tiles, Floor Tiles, Tiles for Grates.

Inspection invited.
Showroom: 41, Wellington Street, HONGKONG.

FOOD POISONING.

LAST YEAR'S LOCAL
OUTBREAK.

RESTAURANT INCIDENT.

Excluding such diseases as typhoid fever, cholera and dysentery which may be acquired by eating food contaminated with the virus of these diseases there is a group of diseases less well defined to which the term food-poisoning has been applied, says the Medical Officer of Health in his annual report.

This group of diseases may be divided into two sub-groups in one of which the disease is brought about by the presence in the food of one or other of several species of bacteria, and in the other of which the cause of disease is a poison produced in the food during some change which the food has undergone and which may have been due to some remote bacterial contamination.

It is only to the latter class of disease that the term plomaine poisoning can reasonably be applied, but this term is often loosely used by the general public and even by medical practitioners to include all classes of food-poisoning.

True plomaine poisoning is a somewhat rare disease and, fortunately the plomaines which may be formed during the decomposition of foods which causes them to acquire the unpleasant taste and smell so well known in fresh foods which have been kept too long before being eaten, are not extremely poisonous when merely ingested.

The majority of cases of food poisoning belong to the first-mentioned class, e.g., they are due to contamination of the food with some micro-organism capable of causing disease.

It is possible that the infectivity of such food may be due to disease of the animal from which the food has been derived.

Apart from this, however, there is always the possibility of food, originally good, acquiring contamination by handling.

Thorough cooking sterilises food. If however food after cooking be kept, e.g., to be eaten next day, it may through having been handled acquire the power of setting up an acute diarrhoea and the train of symptoms accompanying food poisoning.

The usual domestic ice chest is not reliable as a means of preventing the multiplication of bacteria in food placed therein after it has been contaminated by dirty handling.

It is a good rule especially in hot weather to keep no fresh food over till next day or so that it is not eaten until many hours after it has been cooked.

It is probable that many of the cases of acute diarrhoea which occur in the hot weather in the colony are due to the consumption of food which has acquired the power to cause disease through dirty handling.

During the year 1924 there occurred however an outbreak of food-poisoning which appeared to belong to the second class of disease mentioned above.

It was not found possible to determine the presence with certainty but enquiry pointed to the presence in the food of a substance known as tyrotoxin, a poisonous body allied to the so-called plomaines or animal alkaloids.

After eating tea-cakes at a restaurant many people were seized with illness, of which abdominal pain, vomiting and diarrhoea were the chief symptoms.

The degree of illness seems to have varied in different persons. Rumour had it that over thirty people had been attacked.

Only two medical men reported cases and even they showed a strange reluctance either to say how many patients they had or to give their names and addresses, or to give the name of the restaurant where the cakes were eaten.

On being personally interviewed, however, these medical men gave all the help they could give.

The manager of the restaurant gave all possible facilities for enquiries.

Fortunately one of the medical men who reported cases had promptly obtained a few cakes from the same "baking" as those on which suspicion had fallen.

These he sent to the medical department where they were subjected to chemical and bacteriological examination.

In the course of a few days information was gathered from some half dozen other persons who had eaten of these cakes and been more or less similarly ill afterwards.

The symptoms appear to have developed rapidly, i.e. from one to three hours after the meal. The illness was also seen to have been caused by the cakes.

INFECTIONS.

LAST YEAR'S RECORD OF
CASES.

SMALLPOX SCOURGE.

The Medical Officer of Health publishes the following table in his annual report showing the number of notifiable diseases recorded during the year:—

	Chinese	Non-Chinese	Total
Plague	0	0	0
Smallpox	838	25	913
Cerebro-spinal fever	79	2	81
Enteric fever	152	96	248
Paratyphoid fever	11	26	37
Cholera	0	0	0
Diphtheria	63	27	90
Scarlet fever	4	5	9
Puerperal fever	14	2	16
Relapsing fever	0	1	1
Typhus	0	1	1
Yellow fever	0	0	0
Rabies—Man	1	0	1
Rabies—Dogs	0	0	4
Total	1,212	185	1,401

The following numbers of these cases were imported:—Cerebro-spinal fever 4, enteric fever 31, paratyphoid fever 7, diphtheria 2, small-pox 43, scarlet fever 1, relapsing fever 1.

The case of typhus fever was not imported during the patient's illness but as the patient had recently arrived from North China it is probable that the virus was imported with him in clothing.

That all possible care was taken for the sake of cleanliness.

The bacteriological examination of the cakes showed only a growth of bacillus subtilis and no harmful bacteria.

The chemical examination showed absence of mineral poisons and vegetable alkaloids.

Some of the cakes were made with custard which was found to be abnormally acid and to give a faint reaction which suggested the presence of the poison known as tyrotoxin.

Butter imported in a frozen state had been used in the preparation of this custard.

It is of interest that two persons were taken ill after eating buttered toast at this restaurant on the same day on which the other sufferers ate the cakes, but these two had eaten no cakes.

It was not possible to obtain any sample of butter from the same lot which had been used in preparing the cakes; it had all been used.

However samples of every ingredient in use at the bakery were later examined chemically with the result that no poisonous substances could be detected.

The rapid onset of the illness and the negative results of the bacteriological examination as regards harmful organisms indicated that this was not an outbreak of Food Poisoning of the more usual kind, that is caused by infection with living bacteria.

It was concluded that the poison was in the butter and was probably tyrotoxin or a plomaine produced in the butter by some remote bacterial action before importation.

The butter was imported in large quantities packed in paper lined wooden cases and frozen.

Some 600 lbs. were sold daily by the importers and it was delivered in the unopened original cases. It was placed in cold storage on importation and only taken therefrom on receipt of a customer's order.

The butter was still frozen when it was delivered at the bakery.

There was nothing in the appearance or smell of the butter to excite suspicion.

In spite of the large consumption of this class of butter in the colony at the time no complaint of illness from any other restaurant or tea shop was received.

It was possible that the contamination was confined to one case of butter containing 50 lbs. and that no blame could be attached either to the importers of the butter or to the management and staff of the bakery.

For many years past, however, it has been truly given for the infants, and young of water closets in private houses is generally evidence of premises where there has been some neglect in the way of water supply.

It is reasonable to think that the occupants will use these as some from which contamination may arise.

In spite, however, of the fact that the water closets are generally evidence of premises where there has been some neglect in the way of water supply, it is not possible to say that the water supply is generally good.

There is no reason to think that the water supply is generally good, but it is not possible to say that the water supply is generally good.

SHATTERED BELIEF.

CHINESE AND TYPHOID
FEVER.

VALUE OF GOOD WATER.

In the course of his reference to typhoid fever, the Medical Officer of Health emphasises the value of preventive measures. These have been the provision of public water supplies and the closure of private wells.

These two measures must always go hand in hand for if the public supply at any time fails to be sufficient recourse will be had to undesirable sources and insanitary methods of storing water.

Some brief notes on the provision of public water supplies are published by the courtesy of the Water Authority. They clearly indicate the continued call for more and more water to keep pace with the rapidly increasing population. Even long after the last year dealt with in the Colonial Surgeon's report for 1924 there were private wells in the city these were often in houses and where not actually in houses where they were exposed to great pollution. Some of these were not closed until as late as 1923 but by far the greater number had been closed before that year.

Some few years ago during a time of shortage of water at the end of the dry season a demand was made for the opening of old wells. The foregoing remarks may serve to indicate the grave danger that may result from any such procedure.

OTHER WAYS.

Although the provision of public water supplies has undoubtedly been the principal factor in reducing the incidence of typhoid fever and allied diseases in the Colony there still remain other ways of acquiring infection.

Twenty to thirty years ago there was in this colony a widespread belief that Chinese did not suffer from typhoid fever to any appreciable extent. The old reports of the Colonial Surgeon had been forgotten. It is probably true the Chinese have a higher degree of immunity to this disease than have Europeans of these days.

This combined with the habit of tea drinking, which means that drinking water is boiled, now accounts probably to a great extent for the difference in incidence of the disease between Chinese and non-Chinese residents.

At the same time infection of non-Chinese was generally ascribed to the eating of vegetables, especially in salads, grown by Chinese and therefore by the use of manure from human sources and also by the eating of oysters.

Since the introduction of bacteriological and pathological methods of diagnosis the belief in the general immunity of Chinese to typhoid fever has been destroyed but in view of this experience of earlier years it should not have been held.

These earlier experiences and some later ones also show that if given a foul water supply the Chinese will suffer from typhoid.

Foul water will infect by many other channels than deliberate drinking.

The higher the presumed immunity of Chinese to typhoid the higher presumably may be the number of unknown "carriers" of typhoid amongst them.

There is no means of estimating the probable ratio of "carriers" per 1,000 of the population.

When however it is recognised that carriers may be employed in handling food, drinks and ice the existence of a source of infection even when the public water supply is above suspicion is evident.

The eating of raw vegetables and uncooked oysters are of course methods of laying oneself open to infection.

PLAGUE OF VIRE.

But given carriers amongst the community the principal source of infection other than that of food, drinks and ice handled by them is probably through the agency of flies.

The excreta in the pans of dry privies invite the visits of flies and so do exposed articles of food and milk.

Experience has shown that in being truly given for the infants, and young of water closets in private houses is generally evidence of premises where there has been some neglect in the way of water supply.

It is reasonable to think that the occupants will use these as some from which contamination may arise.

In spite, however, of the fact that the water closets are generally evidence of premises where there has been some neglect in the way of water supply, it is not possible to say that the water supply is generally good.

There is no reason to think that the water supply is generally good, but it is not possible to say that the water supply is generally good.

FROM AUSTRALIA.

EXPERIMENT WITH CATTLE
(UNSUCCESSFUL).

DOGGED BY MISFORTUNE.

The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon comments as follows, in his report for 1924, upon an experimental shipment of livestock from Australia:—

In June the Australian Investment Agency Company of Sydney, a firm with very large interests in the Live Stock and Meat Trades of New South Wales, Queensland and the Northern Territory of Australia, despatched one hundred head of cattle from Port Darwin per s.s. "Cantara." Owing to extremely bad weather, etc., the cattle were at sea for some five weeks instead of about three as was expected. Ordinary tonnage not being available for the purpose, the opportunity was taken of getting the cattle taken by the above mentioned ship which was on the route for Shanghai. The ship was not of a good type for this purpose and the cattle suffered accordingly in the rough weather encountered. Through the kindness of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company we were enabled to erect landing, storage and slaughter accommodation at the Company's Aberdeen Dock. At the disembarkation of the cattle the unfortunate structure of the ship again became painfully apparent. That the difficulties which arose than were successfully overcome is largely due to the energy and initiative displayed by the members of the Dock Company's staff who assisted at the landing—from shipbuilding to "cow punching" is no short step. Owing to the hardship of the voyage six cattle were a total loss and the remaining ninety-four had deteriorated very much in weight and quality and would have required several weeks' conditioning on good pasture in order to do justice to the "runs" from which they had been drawn.

After a few days' rest slaughter was commenced and carried through with no great difficulty. The average weight of the dressed carcasses was 540 lbs. The carcasses were sold to various butchers. Difficulty was experienced by these butchers in marketing this for two reasons:—

(a) Owing to hardship the meat was too coarse for the better class trade.

(b) The conservative nature of the Chinese prevented their taking very kindly to it.

The absence of disease from the carcasses was marked.

Conclusions.

Owing to the misfortune in the shape of bad weather, etc., which dogged the experiment from the very start, no sound conclusions as to the suitability of the cattle for the local market could be arrived at.

In my opinion it would be unwise to attempt any further experiments with beef cattle under present conditions. It is imperative that the shipment should be direct otherwise the cattle lose too much in condition.

"I'm gonna name dis chile Algebra," announced the family handress who was telling the lady of the house about a recent arrival. "I likes dat name. Seen it on de back of Miss Blue-belle's book on de table."

"But Algebra is a mathematical term."

"Hoo?"

"Relates to numbers."

"Dasse all right. De chile am mah fiteenth."

title of water flushed public latrines for former day latrines which has been the policy of the Government for a number of years is a step towards the reduction of the chances of infection, as it also the installation in private houses of water closets to replace the "bucket" privies, formerly found in nearly every house.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY
THERAPION No. 1
THERAPION No. 2
THERAPION No. 3
THERAPION No. 4
THERAPION No. 5
THERAPION No. 6
THERAPION No. 7
THERAPION No. 8
THERAPION No. 9
THERAPION No. 10

Obtainable from
KELLY & WALSH LTD.
HONGKONG.
and
COMMERCIAL PRESS, LTD.
CANTON.

Obtainable from
KELLY & WALSH LTD.
HONGKONG.
and
COMMERCIAL PRESS, LTD.
CANTON.

Obtainable from
KELLY & WALSH LTD.
HONGKONG.
and
COMMERCIAL PRESS, LTD.
CANTON.

Obtainable from
KELLY & WALSH LTD.
HONGKONG.
and
COMMERCIAL PRESS, LTD.
CANTON.

Obtainable from
KELLY & WALSH LTD.
HONGKONG.
and
COMMERCIAL PRESS, LTD.
CANTON.

Obtainable from
KELLY & WALSH LTD.
HONGKONG.
and
COMMERCIAL PRESS, LTD.
CANTON.

Obtainable from
KELLY & WALSH LTD.
HONGKONG.
and
COMMERCIAL PRESS, LTD.
CANTON.

Obtainable from
KELLY & WALSH LTD.
HONGKONG.
and
COMMERCIAL PRESS, LTD.
CANTON.

NOTICE.

WE have this day ceased to employ T. E. TANG as our agent and he is no longer authorised to collect accounts on our behalf.

Drs. GILL AND SOMMERS.
Hongkong, Dec. 26th, 1925.

WATER COLOUR
EXHIBITION

at
MESSRS. KOMOR & KOMOR.
Open on the 16th inst. for ten days only.

Pictures by the most celebrated artists. Inspection invited.
KOMOR & KOMOR.
Alexandra Building.

1,000
NEW SUPPORTERS WANTED
AN APPEAL TO
BRITONS IN CHINA.THE ARETHUSA
TRAINING SHIP.
URGENTLY NEEDS
50,000 DOLLARS

To Provide for Maintenance.

HER THE PRINCE OF WALES.

10,000 Boys have been sent to the Royal Navy & Merchant Marine. 10,000 Boys have been trained for Civil Employment, and many hundreds have been migrated to the British Colonies.

Patrons—Their Majesties THE KING AND QUEEN.
Officers and Crew—C. E. MADDEN, Esq., M.A., Deputy Chairman; H. BENTON-WALKER, Esq., Chairman of the Committee; J. H. CLAYTON, Esq., Chairman of the Finance Committee; J. H. CLAYTON, Esq., Chairman of the Finance Committee; J. H. CLAYTON, Esq., Chairman of the Finance Committee.

THE SHAFESBURY HOUSE and "ARETHUSA" TRAINING SHIP, 40, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, England, W.O.1.

VICE-ADMIRAL SIR LIONEL HALSEY says: "I have never seen the 'Arethusa' so fitted."

NOW READY
THE CHINA YEAR
BOOK 1925.

EDITED BY H. G. W. WOODHEAD.

Large And More Comprehensive Than Ever.

The present (1925-6) issue of the CHINA YEAR BOOK is again considerably larger than any of its predecessors. The Chapter on "Mines and Minerals," "Education," "Products," "Labour," "Opium," "Commerce," "Shipping," "Currency," etc., have been rewritten and brought up to date. The Report of the Shanghai Child Labour Commission is reprinted in full in the Chapter in "Labour." The Political Summary describes events up to the end of March, 1925. The Chapter on "Defence" appears at the end of the Book. New Chapters include a Summary of Medical Events; "Political Parties," "Taxation" and a bibliography for 1924, and a documented Chapter on "China's Constitutions and Election Laws." THE TERMS OF THE GOLD FRANCHISE SETTLEMENT ARE INCLUDED IN AN APPENDIX.

PRICE \$15.00 NETT.

Obtainable from
KELLY & WALSH LTD.
HONGKONG.
and
COMMERCIAL PRESS, LTD.
CANTON.

Obtainable from
KELLY & WALSH LTD.
HONGKONG.
and
COMMERCIAL PRESS, LTD.
CANTON.

Obtainable from
KELLY & WALSH LTD.
HONGKONG.
and
COMMERCIAL PRESS, LTD.
CANTON.

Obtainable from
KELLY & WALSH LTD.
HONGKONG.
and
COMMERCIAL PRESS, LTD.
CANTON.

Obtainable from
KELLY & WALSH LTD.
HONGKONG.
and
COMMERCIAL PRESS, LTD.
CANTON.

Obtainable from
KELLY & WALSH LTD.
HONGKONG.
and
COMMERCIAL PRESS, LTD.
CANTON.

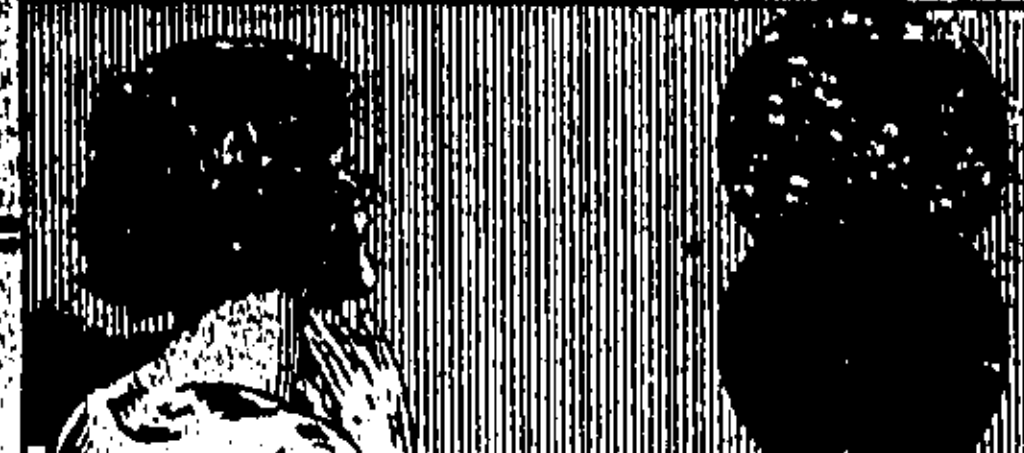
Obtainable from
KELLY & WALSH LTD.
HONGKONG.
and
COMMERCIAL PRESS, LTD.
CANTON.

Obtainable from
KELLY & WALSH LTD.
HONGKONG.
and
COMMERCIAL PRESS, LTD.
CANTON.

Obtainable from
KELLY & WALSH LTD.
HONGKONG.
and
COMMERCIAL PRESS, LTD.
CANTON.

Obtainable from
KELLY & WALSH LTD.
HONGKONG.
and
COMMERCIAL PRESS, LTD.
CANTON.

Obtainable from
KELLY & WALSH LTD.
HONGKONG.
and
COMMERCIAL PRESS, LTD.
CANTON.



If you could see the Germs

in your throat—you would realise why your throat gets sore, and why you are liable to catch dangerous germ-diseases.

The above micro-photographs are of an experiment made by Dr. Florkowski, the bacteriologist. Two glass plates, covered with a substance on which germs thrive, were exposed in a railway carriage. One (the lower plate) was treated with saliva from a person who had sucked four Formamint Tablets.

All germs on the lower plate were destroyed, while they grew abundantly on the other. Thus, when you suck Formamint, all disease germs in your mouth and throat are destroyed.

Protect yourself against infection with

FORMAMINT
The Germ-Killing Throat Tablet.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

All new firms and all firms who have not already sent in their applications for insertion in the DOLLAR DIRECTORY for 1926, are kindly requested to do so as soon as possible.

THE HONGKONG DOLLAR
DIRECTORY

5 Wyndham Street,
HONGKONG.

THE SOUTH CHINA KNITTING FACTORY
COTTON SOCKS

of all sizes, colours qualities.

ENQUIRIES SOLICITED.

Shan Tung Street, Mongkok, Kowloon.

Tel. Address: "SOUCHIKNIT" Phone K. 593.

ATTRACTIVE
ADVERTISING

LET US SHOW YOU OUR FINE ILLUSTRATIONS
UP-TO-DATE DESIGNS FOR EVERY LINE
OF BUSINESS

"The China Mail"

HONGKONG'S OLDEST NEW PAPER

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.

NEW YORK BIRTH

S.S. "CONNY CASTLE" ... Sails 20th January

LLOYD TRIESTINO

REGULAR MONTHLY PASSENGER AND FREIGHT SERVICE
FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE (PIUMI).
TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING TO
GENOA, ALL ITALIAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANT, BLACK
SEA AND DANUBE PORTS.
REDUCED PASSAGE RATES TO BRINDISI, VENICE
OR TRIESTE.
£66.

NEXT SAILINGS.

OUTWARD FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KORE & HOJ.

M.V. "ESQUILINO" ... Sails 9th January
S.S. "VENETIA" ... Sails 9th February

HOMeward FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE.

M.V. "VENETIA" ... Sails 31st December
M.V. "ESQUILINO" ... Sails 31st January
S.S. "VENETIA" ... Sails 15th March

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS

FROM CALCUTTA & COLOMBO TO
SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

S.S. "UMBINGA" ... (Sails from Calcutta 30th December)
(Sails from Colombo 10th January)
S.S. "UMVOLOI" ... (Sails from Calcutta 31st January)
(Sails from Colombo 10th February)

Regular Passenger and Cargo Service to South African Ports.
Through Bills of Lading issued from Hongkong.

For Freight or Passage on any of the above Lines apply to—
Telephone Central 1939. DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

AMERICAN PIONEER LINE

for
Havana, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York,
Boston via Panama Canal.
Calling at Panama and other Gulf Ports if inducements offer.

For Freight and further particulars apply to

AMERICAN PIONEER LINE

Operated for United States Shipping Board

by

ATLANTIC, GULF AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP CO.
ADMIRAL ORIENTAL LINE—Agents
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building
Telephone Nos. 2477, 2478 and 795

O. S. K.

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ADVERTISEMENT.

1. **ATLAS MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
2. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
3. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
4. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
5. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
6. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
7. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
8. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
9. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
10. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
11. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
12. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
13. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
14. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
15. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
16. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
17. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
18. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
19. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
20. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
21. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
22. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
23. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
24. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
25. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
26. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
27. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
28. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
29. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
30. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
31. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
32. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
33. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
34. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
35. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
36. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
37. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
38. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
39. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
40. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
41. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
42. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
43. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
44. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
45. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
46. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
47. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
48. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
49. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
50. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
51. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
52. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
53. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
54. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
55. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
56. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
57. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
58. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
59. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
60. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
61. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
62. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
63. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
64. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
65. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
66. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
67. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
68. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
69. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
70. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
71. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
72. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
73. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
74. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
75. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
76. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
77. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
78. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
79. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
80. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
81. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
82. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
83. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
84. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
85. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
86. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
87. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
88. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
89. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
90. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
91. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
92. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
93. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
94. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
95. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
96. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
97. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
98. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
99. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January
100. **SANJO MARU** ... Friday, 7th January

HONGKONG TO BANGKOK

and return.

REGULAR PASSENGER AND FREIGHT SERVICE

BETWEEN HONGKONG AND BANGKOK.

Expected to ... Will leave for Bangkok ...

Expected to ... Will leave for Bangkok ...

Expected to ... Will leave for Bangkok ...

Expected to ... Will leave for Bangkok ...

Expected to ... Will leave for Bangkok ...

Expected to ... Will leave for Bangkok ...

Expected to ... Will leave for Bangkok ...

Expected to ... Will leave for Bangkok ...

Expected to ... Will leave for Bangkok ...

Expected to ... Will leave for Bangkok ...

Expected to ... Will leave for Bangkok ...

Expected to ... Will leave for Bangkok ...

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS

PROMOTED DEPARTURES

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

YOKOHAMA

Dec. 31—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 1—O.S.K. Kure Maru
Jan. 2—O.S.K. Kure Maru

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

THE O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of India"

arrived at Hongkong yesterday at noon, left Shanghai today at 11 a.m. and is due at Hongkong on Jan. 1.

THE M.V. "Agra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.)

left Dunkirk on Nov. 28, 1926 and is due here on or about Jan. 1, 1927.

THE T.E.K. s.s. "Rakuyo Maru"

arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 31 and sailed in accordance with schedule, being due at Hongkong Jan. 5.

THE C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia"

arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 31 and sailed in accordance with schedule, being due at Hongkong Jan. 5.

THE C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia"

arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 31 and sailed in accordance with schedule, being due at Hongkong Jan. 5.

THE C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia"

arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 31 and sailed in accordance with schedule, being due at Hongkong Jan. 5.

THE C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia"

arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 31 and sailed in accordance with schedule, being due at Hongkong Jan. 5.

THE C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia"

arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 31 and sailed in accordance with schedule, being due at Hongkong Jan. 5.

THE C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia"

arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 31 and sailed in accordance with schedule, being due at Hongkong Jan. 5.

THE C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia"

arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 31 and sailed in accordance with schedule, being due at Hongkong Jan. 5.

THE C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia"

arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 31 and sailed in accordance with schedule, being due at Hongkong Jan. 5.

THE C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia"

arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 31 and sailed in accordance with schedule, being due at Hongkong Jan. 5.

THE C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia"

arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 31 and sailed in accordance with schedule, being due at Hongkong Jan. 5.

THE C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia"

arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 31 and sailed in accordance with schedule, being due at Hongkong Jan. 5.

THE C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia"

arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 31 and sailed in accordance with schedule, being due at Hongkong Jan. 5.

THE C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia"

arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 31 and sailed in accordance with schedule, being due at Hongkong Jan. 5.

THE C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia"

arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 31 and sailed in accordance with schedule, being due at Hongkong Jan. 5.

THE C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia"

arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 31 and sailed in accordance with schedule, being due at Hongkong Jan. 5.

FRENCH FINANCE.

AN AGREEMENT REACHED AT LAST.

DETAILS OF THE BUDGET.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, December 29. The Ministerial Council has reached an agreement with M. Doumer, and authorised him to table his financial proposals in the Chamber of Deputies.

MEETING THE DEFICIT.

Paris, later. M. Doumer estimates that the deficit in the 1926 Budget will amount to 9,000,000,000 francs, including 2,500,000,000 francs for amortisation of the public debt and 2,000,000,000 francs in repayment of the Bank of France's advances to the Treasury.

M. Doumer proposes to meet the deficit by a special tax of one-twentieth per cent. on all business payments. This is estimated to produce 3,800,000,000 francs by applying the increase in the income tax voted on December 4 to the Budget instead of re-absorption. The inflation is estimated to produce 3,000,000,000 francs, and there will be an increase in tobacco duties producing 1,000,000,000 francs. M. Doumer also hopes to recover 300,000,000 francs from the tax on evaders; to save 200,000,000 francs on Government expenditure; and to obtain 600,000,000 francs from the tax on exports and 100,000,000 francs from an increased tax on Stock Exchange operations.

INDIRECT TAXES.

Paris, later. The new taxes proposed by M. Doumer are indirect taxes. The Radical members of the Cabinet opposed an increase in indirect taxation on the ground that it bears unfairly on the poor.

M. Doumer expressed the opinion that three milliards of M. Louchet's taxes which he is incorporating in the 1926 Budget, will form the high-water mark of direct taxation, and direct taxes cannot be collected quickly, whereas money is needed immediately. The tax on payments, whereby M. Doumer proposes to obtain nearly 50 per cent. of the estimated Budget deficit of nine milliards, appears to be simply a disguised tax on business transactions, which was opposed by the Radicals, who, however, agreed to the tax in order to avoid a Cabinet split on the eve of the Parliamentary recess.

M. Doumer, in exchange, has promised to introduce a Bill to reform the direct taxes in conformity with the Democratic principles, thus meeting the Radical demand and widening the Income Tax.

EARLIER CABLES.

Paris, December 29. The Chamber has begun an unexpected series of all-night sittings for the purpose of rushing the passage of the Budget before the close of the year. Discussion of the estimate of expenditure opened yesterday at the usual hour and was still continuing at six o'clock this morning.

PREMIER'S FIRM STAND.

Paris, December 29. The prospect of M. Briand remodelling the Cabinet if his colleagues refuse to follow him in the adoption of M. Doumer's financial proposals at today's important Cabinet meeting is opened up by a statement of the Premier last night that he would refuse to quit his post or let himself be overthrown by lobby intrigues and that any Ministers who decided to resign would be replaced within twenty-four hours.

The Premier added "This is no time for Ministerial crises, but for work."

OUTLOOK CHEERIER.

Paris, later. The threatened political crisis over the new taxation proposals of M. Doumer, the Finance Minister, now seems likely to be averted as a result of the firm attitude taken by M. Briand in declaring that any Ministers resigning would be immediately replaced.

According to the newspapers a basis of agreement is being arranged by members of the Cabinet, whereby the proposed tax on business transactions will be replaced by a stamp tax on all sales, while economies amounting to 300 million francs will be effected and a similar amount secured by stricter control of assessment declarations which will allow a proportionate reduction of the exaggerated taxation.

AFRICAN FLIGHT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cairo, Dec. 29. Alan Cobham, the well-known aviator, who is flying to Africa, has arrived at Khartoum.

AN INSULT!

COMMUNIST LEAFLET TO TROOPS.

ARMY COUNCIL'S ACTION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 29. The Army Council has circulated all the Officers Commanding at Home and abroad, attaching a copy of a Communist leaflet distributed among the troops throughout Britain, which it characterises as an insult to the moral character, loyalty, and intelligence of the Army. It requests that the latter be communicated to all the troops.

DISARMAMENT.

AMERICA'S FAVOURABLE ATTITUDE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Dec. 29. President Coolidge's conversations with various Congress men have shown a practically unanimously favourable attitude toward American participation at Geneva in the preparatory Commission on disarmament. No objections have been made to voting the necessary appropriations, and three experts will be invited to become the American delegates.

WIRELESS RECORD.

DORKING IN TOUCH WITH TOKYO.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 29. A Dorking amateur named Lawson has succeeded in getting into wireless communication with an Englishman in Tokyo. The receiver in use was a two-valve resistance coupled set.

1922 AGREEMENT.

GERMANY AND CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, Dec. 29. Subject to ratification by the Reichstag the German Government has endorsed the Washington Agreement of February 6, 1922, concerning the principles and policy to be followed in Chinese affairs.

OBITUARY.

MR. HENRY HERBERT TAYLER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Henry Herbert Tayler, Manager of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, who passed away at the Government Civil Hospital at 7.30 yesterday evening.

The late Mr. Tayler was very well known in Hongkong and until recent years had played an active part in its sporting life, having represented the Colony in Inter-port and inter-club cricket matches and taken a keen interest in local racing. Other sports in which he had established a reputation were football and swimming. He was partner in the Relyon stable with a string of "Uncle" ponies and it was seldom that he was absent from a race meeting at Happy Valley.

The late Mr. Tayler was born and spent most of his life in the Far East, having been associated from the time of leaving school with the firm of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Company and in the course of his 25 years' service with them he had risen to a responsible administrative post.

At the time of his death, the late Mr. Tayler was 40 years of age. He leaves a widow for whom much sympathy is felt in her bereavement.

"PO ON" PIRACY.

CHINESE COMMITTED TO SESSIONS.

Charged on three counts in connection with the piracy of the steam launch "Po On" in British waters near Nam Tau, a Chinese was at the second hearing at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions. The charges were participating in an armed robbery, kidnapping passengers and holding them for ransom, and unlawful possession of a revolver.

The witnesses who gave evidence alleged ill-treatment while they were in the hands of the pirates. The ear of one of the victims had been cut off, while another had his mouth and nose removed, these being sent to the relatives to expedite the payment of the ransom. What arrested the defendant had made a statement that he was

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

PROVOCATIVE ATTITUDE CONDEMNED.

TRIBUTE TO BRITISH.

(Reuter's Service.)

Allahabad, Dec. 29. Presiding at the All India Muslim League, Sir Abur Rahim bitterly complained of the provocative and aggressive attitude of a section of Hindu politicians. He criticised the Swarajists, but paid a tribute to his British colleagues on the Bengal Executive Council who had initiated the bulk of the progressive measures. He suggested that a permanent Constitution should be framed by an Imperial Conference, giving India an honourable and equal place.

APPEAL TO CHIEFS.

Cawnpore, Dec. 29. An appeal to the Indian Chiefs to respond to the spirit of the times and justify their title of the natural leaders of the Indian people, by introducing reforms such as the institution of popular Assemblies, thereby proving that hereditary rulership possesses all the advantages of complete democracy without its evils, was made by Shankar Lal Kaul in presiding at the third session of the Native States Subjects' Conference.

He urged all the Native Princes to begin a system of budgeting, to restrict their personal allowances to five per cent. of the State revenues, to prevent reckless waste of public funds, and not to treat the State Treasury as a private purse. He declared that any ruler behaving like "a little Tsar" was sowing the seeds of Bolshevism.

NEW DEPUTY LEADER.

Cawnpore, Dec. 29. It is announced that Lalal Patrai will probably become the Deputy Leader of the Swarajist Party in the Assembly in succession to Kalkar, who resigned, with two other Swarajist members on the plea that they would thereby liberate themselves from the Swarajist obligation and be free to propagate their views for responsive co-operation and acceptance of office.

CHAMBERLAIN.

MEETING WITH SIGNOR MUSSOLINI.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rapallo, Dec. 29. Importance is attached to a meeting between Sir Austen Chamberlain, who is holidaying here, and Signor Mussolini, who broke his journey on his way to Rome. Sir Austen Chamberlain gave a dinner in honour of the Premier, with whom, it is believed, he discussed international events.

BANK COMBINE.

MAMMOTH CONCERNS TO AMALGAMATE.

HUGE RESOURCES.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Dec. 29. It is reported in Wall Street that a gigantic banking amalgamation is imminent embracing several of the largest banks with combined resources exceeding a milliard dollars.

Mr. McHugh, President of the Mechanics and Metals National Bank, admitted that negotiations with the Chase National Bank for amalgamation, with total resources amounting to \$900,000,000.

Another combination forecast would include the Mechanics and Metals National Bank, the Chatham and the Phoenix National Bank, National Park Bank, Chemical National Bank, and possibly the Central Union Trust Company, uniting total resources amounting to \$1,303,000,000.

AVIATION DEAL.

PURCHASE OF HENDON AERODROME.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 29. The Government has purchased the well-known aerodrome and other extensive property at Hendon, including the London Country Club, from Mr. Graham White for £200,000 after long negotiations arising out of complicated wartime aviation transactions.

The aerodrome will be utilised as one in a chain of home defence stations. The Government had intended to join the pirates and hold the passengers for ransom. He denied all knowledge of the piracy, but was committed by the

LOWER DEATH-RATE.

WHAT LAST YEAR'S TOTALS REVEAL.

MORE NON-CHINESE DIED.

In his report for 1924 the Medical Officer of Health states that the total number of deaths registered in the Colony was 15,553 (15,536 in 1923). The general civil death rate was 21.75 per 1,000 (25.98 in 1923). The Chinese deaths numbered 15,801 (15,289 in 1923). The Chinese death rate was 21.9 per 1,000 (26.27 in 1923). The non-Chinese deaths numbered 252 (247 in 1923) including 11 from the Navy and Army. The death rate for the non-Chinese civil community was 15.06 per 1,000 (14.83 in 1923).

The nationality of the civil non-Chinese deaths was as follows:—British 63, Indian 57, Portuguese 56, Filipino 10, American 6, Malay 7, Danish 5, French 2, Annamite 3, Spanish 1, German 1, Swiss 3, Jewish 2, Norwegian 2, Dutch 2, Italian 1, Australian 1, West Indian 1, Cuban 1.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

The number of deaths of children under one year of age was 4,735 of which 4,699 were Chinese and 37 non-Chinese. Of these 1,131 Chinese and 7 non-Chinese were under one month of age.

The ratio of infant deaths to the total deaths registered was 30.4 per cent. (29.5 in 1923). For Chinese deaths alone the ratio was 30.7 per cent., while for the non-Chinese it was 14.6 per cent. A true infantile mortality cannot be calculated, owing to the Chinese custom of not registering births unless a child has lived for at least one month and often obviously of not registering at any time.

The deaths of children between one and five years of age were 2,372 of which 20 were non-Chinese and 2,352 Chinese. The following table shows the death rates for the last ten years:—

	Chinese.	Non-Chinese.	General.
1915	19.00	9.4	18.59
1916	24.60	15.08	24.00
1917	23.00	14.00	23.4
1918	24.5	19.5	24.4
1919	23.3	21.9	23.2
1920	22.78	17.9	21.19
1921	20.29	18.08	20.27
1922	25.47	20.48	25.16
1923	26.27	14.83	25.98
1924	21.9	15.06	21.75

SANITARY BOARD.

FISH SUPPLIES FROM MACAO.

The fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon. Mr. N. L. Smith presided and others present were the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., Dr. W. W. Pearce (M.O.H.), Dr. J. C. Macgown, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. J. W. T'ao, and Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipton (Secretary), with Mr. D. Davies (Assistant Secretary).

Regarding a minute of the President on the subject of a petition from representatives of the fish market stallholders, Mr. Alabaster asked if there were any idea that the fish for the new ship would come from Macao.

The Chairman: That is part of the scheme. At present it comes very largely from Macao. This man controls the ice business at Macao, and also has a very large interest in the fresh fish business which largely comes to Hongkong, and he proposed to combine these two. The motion was passed.

Regarding an application for an offensive trade licence for pig-roasting at No. 171, Reclamation Street, ground floor, on Kowloon Island Lot No. 1148, Section B, the Chairman said the Standing Committee recommended the refusal of the licence. This decision was endorsed by the members. The remainder of the business was private.

NEW YEAR TREAT.

SALLY OF THE SAWDUST HERE.

FAMOUS PLAY FILMED.

"Sally of the Sawdust," adapted by Forrest Halsey from Dorothy Donnelly's play "Poppy," and directed by D. W. Griffith, comes to the Queen's Theatre on Thursday.

The picture opens up before Sally is born, with her grand-parents engaged in the act of banishing her mother from their austere home just because she has married a circus man. It also shows how it happened that McGargle, a side-show fakir, came to adopt Sally when she becomes an orphan, and bring her up as his daughter and assistant in his shell-game. And it adds to the play's action the antics and animals of an entire circus troupe, a most amusing cross-country motor car chase, and a tear-disilling courtroom scene.

W. C. Fields as Professor McGargle, the confidence man, is superb, of course, repeating his triumph in the stage play and his recent success at the Folies with characteristic nonchalance. He works in all his stage tricks, besides several new ones, and makes it easy to see why the Paramount people are now trying to induce him to devote his time to the screen.

Carol Dempster makes a lovable Sally, and it is almost painful to see her suffer all the hardships and hardships so bravely weathered while travelling with her fond "father" in freight cars and em protecting him from the law's embrace.

The production itself is lavishly staged. The court-room scene alone shows that Mr. D. W. Griffith is a master of emotional detail.

CORRESPONDENCE.

RATIONALISM.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I am not too sure what is the object of Mr. Willis's letter in your issue of Saturday. If he intends to draw the conclusion that Rationalists are, as a whole, so deficient in human feeling that they have not as a rule even married, his argument might have been fortified by reference to the names of Haeckel, Swinburne, Mill, Voltaire, etc. Even so, his position is pitifully weak, and he would be hard put to it to account for the domestic histories of Darwin, Huxley, Bradlaugh, and Foote, to say nothing of cases of the converse, whose name is legion.

On the whole, I think it more kind to suggest that your correspondent is writing with a minimum of knowledge of his subject than that he is unable to allow for negative evidence. If he had taken the trouble to make acquaintance with a few of our seventy odd local members he would be aware that we are a very ordinary sort of folk, well equipped with the feelings proper to our kind.

I wrote in answer to Mr. Willis some ten months ago, but Mr. Willis did not undertake to reply. Really, the whole thing is so absurd that I do not feel disposed to write again. If Mr. Willis made a preliminary study of the question whether we are wrong it would perhaps render the supplementary question as to why we are wrong superfluous.

"A MEMBER OF THE R.P.A."

Hongkong, 29th Dec., 1925.



Hear the Latest

DECEMBER DANCE RECORDS

at

Edison Studio

10, Collyer Street

TO CLEAR

ALL

REMAINING TOYS,
DOLLS & GAMES

25%

OFF MARKED PRICES

A GOOD OPPORTUNITY
TO BUY QUALITY TOYS FOR
THEIR BIRTHDAYS.

LANE, CRAWFORD LTD.

HERVEN LUCAS

BOLS

KUMMEL

ABSOLUTELY THE BEST

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO., LTD.

15, Queen's Road Central.

Telephone C. 75

You Owe Yourself A New
Gramophone—

GET A COLUMBIA GRAFONOLA
FOR NEW YEAR

ENGLISH

MODEL



IN OAK

OR MAHOGANY

THE GREATEST ADVANCE IN TONE
SINCE THE BEGINNING.

SOLE DISTRIBUTORS:

ANDERSON'S

THE QUEEN'S MOTOR BOAT CO., LTD.

Queen's Statue Pier.

MOTOR BOATS FOR HIRE

DAY and NIGHT

MODERATE CHARGES

Office—64, Connaught Road C., 1st floor.

Tel. C. 459.

NEW YEAR HAMPER.

We beg to notify Customers that Assorted Hampers suitable for the Festive Season may be obtained from us at the following Reduced Rates:—

No. 1 HAMPER.

- | | |
|---|-------|
| 1 Qt. Mead & Chandon Dry Imperial Champagne | |
| 1 Pt. Blackberry Brandy | |
| 1 Doz. D.O.M. | |
| 1 Qt. Martell's XXX Brandy | |
| 2 Qts. King George IV. or Perfection Whisky | |
| 1 Qt. Superb Tawny Port | |
| 2 Qts. St. Julien Claret | |
| 1 Qt. Old Brown Sherry B.S. | |
| 1 Doz. D.O.L. Old Tom or Dry Gin | |
| 1 " Burgoyne's Brandy | |
| 1 phal. Pomeranian Bitters | \$35. |

No. 2 HAMPER.

- | | |
|---|-------|
| 1 Qt. Guillet's Champagne | |
| 1 Pt. D.O.M. | |
| 1 Qt. Burgoyne's Brandy | |
| 1 Doz. D.O.M. | |
| 1 Qt. Martell's XXX Brandy | |
| 2 Qts. King George IV. or Perfection Whisky | |
| 1 Qt. Superb Tawny Port | |
| 2 Qts. St. Julien Claret | |
| 1 Qt. D.O.L. Old Tom or Dry Gin | |
| 1 " Vino de Paste Cherry | |
| 1 phal. Pomeranian Bitters | \$30. |

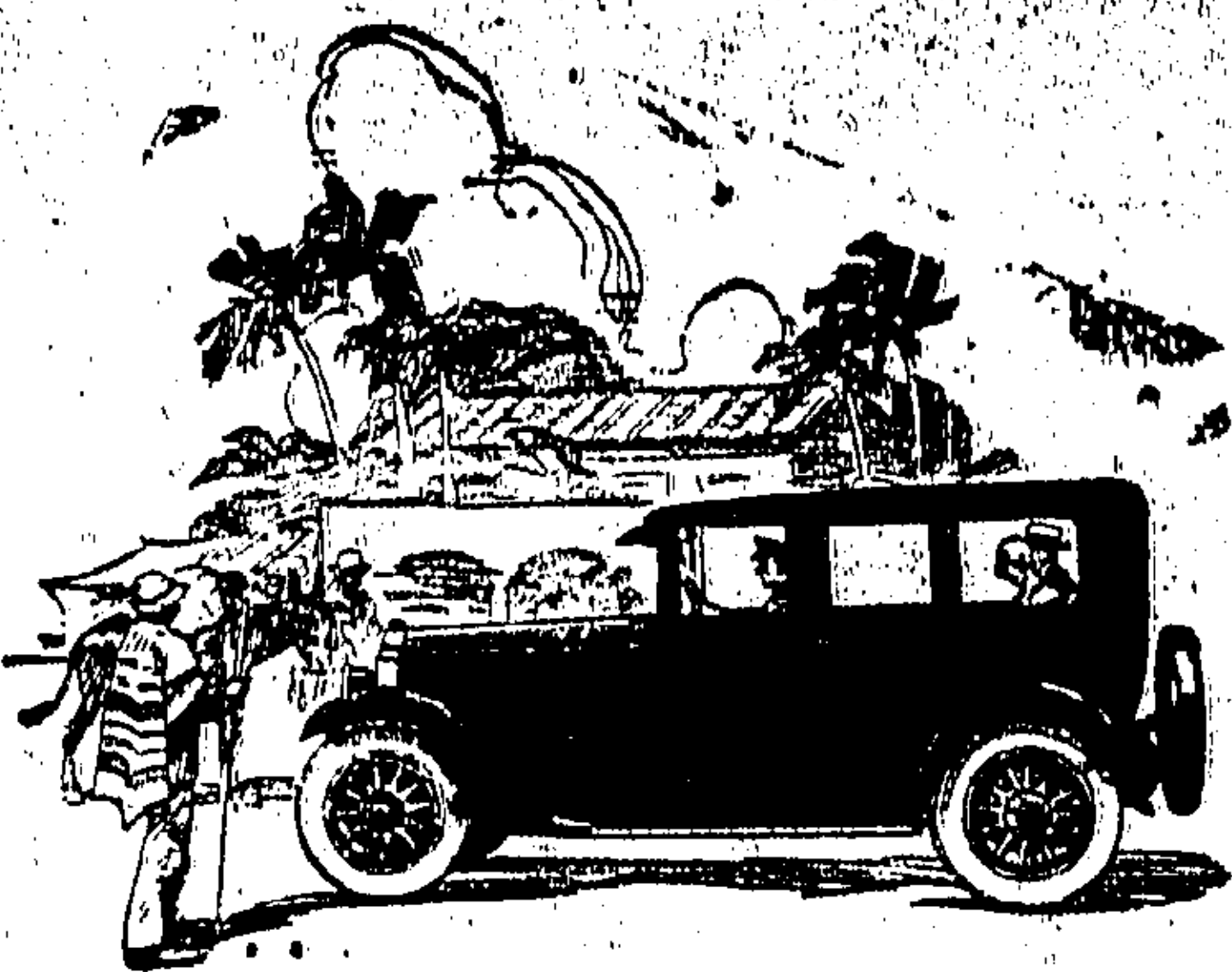
No. 3 HAMPER.

- | | |
|--|-------|
| 1 Qt. Burgoyne's Brandy | |
| 1 Pt. D.O.M. | |
| 1 Qt. Superior Black Old Port | |
| 1 Qt. King George IV. or Perfection Whisky | |
| 1 Qt. Martell's XXX Brandy | |
| 1 Doz. D.O.M. | |
| 1 Qt. D.O.L. Old Tom or Dry Gin | |
| 1 " Burgoyne's Brandy | |
| 1 phal. Pomeranian Bitters | \$25. |

GARRETT PRICE & CO., LTD.

10, Collyer Street, HONGKONG

LOCAL AND GENERAL.



In three months, public recognition of the value of the better Buick 1923 has been so sweeping that to-day one in every four cars sold for \$1000 or more is a better BUICK

SOLE AGENTS.—

HONGKONG & KOWLOON TAXICAB CO., LTD.
33 & 35, DES VŒUX ROAD C.
TELEPHONE C. 1036.

QUALITY SILKS

For the new fall and Winter Frocks, here are silks more exquisite than any we have ever shown in this Store before. Graceful patterns in both gay and somber tones make up this selection.

Prices are unusually moderate this fall.

D. CHELLARAM
ROYAL SILK STORE.
36A, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A. B. C.

Ideal Summer UNDERWEAR and SHIRTS
Coolest and most Comfortable to wear during
the hot Season

For Sale At—

The Sun Co., Ltd.
Wing On Co., Ltd.
Sincere Co., Ltd.
Cheng Kwong Co., Ltd.
The Chosen Co., Ltd.
Yat Sang Co.
And Other Principal Shops

Made by
CHINA A.B.C. UNDERWEAR
Wear it and
1699 Markham Road, Shanghai.

G. FALCONER & CO. (HONGKONG) LTD.

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS
DIAMOND MERCHANTS
Union Building (Opposite G.P.O.)

Agents for:—ADMIRALTY CHARTS
ROSS'S BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES,
KELVIN'S NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,
ENGLISH SILVERWARE, direct from Manufacturers,
High Class English Jewellery.

THE RITZ

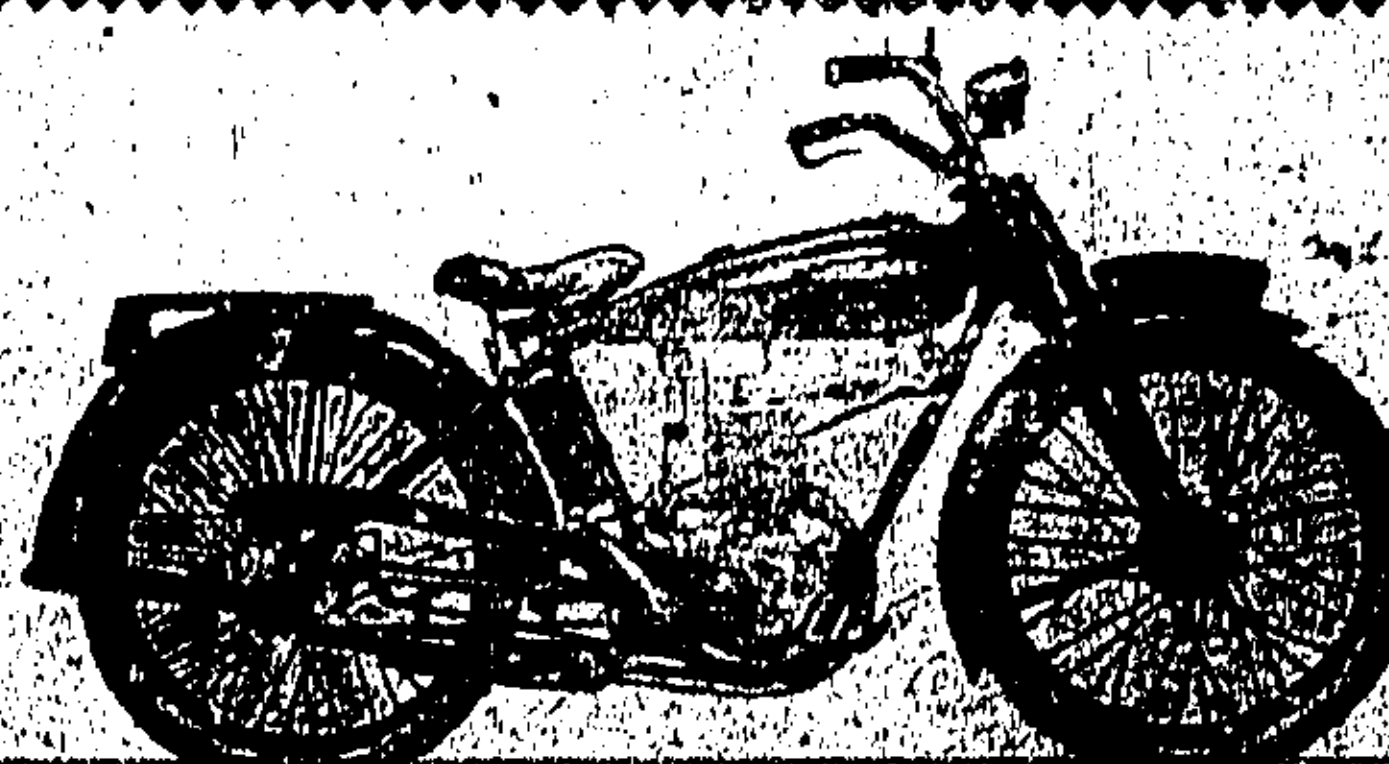
Meals à la Carte at all hours from 8 A.M.
to 12 Midnight.

Xmas, Wedding and Christening cakes
to order.

A large consignment of Oaller's
Chocolates and California Fruits just
received for the Festive Season.

Only the best Food and Wines served.
Alexandra Building
Telephone C. 2336

Nowell B. White
Proprietor.



3 H.P. MOTOR CYCLE \$425
2 H.P. MOTOR CYCLE \$290
Sold on Easy Terms
LEYSECO CHINA CO. LTD.

The return for 1924 of causes of death shows two from starvation—both Chinese.

There were 49 cases of drowning in the Colony last year, all but one being Chinese victims.

One death among the British and foreign community here last year was attributed to the effects of heat.

It is disclosed in the Veterinary Surgeon's report that last year 8,949,220 lbs. of lard and 106,859 lbs. of dried meats were exported to the Philippines and Canada. In addition 38,071 lbs. of sausages were exported to Victoria, Vancouver, B.C. and Montreal against 48,984 lbs. in 1923.

The life of an Army camp follower must be a healthy one, for not one death was registered amongst them here last year. Of only three deaths registered from the Army (excluding women and children) last year here, one was due, to disseminated tuberculosis; one to pneumonia; and one to appendicitis.

The total number of cattle admitted to Government Depots during last year was 64,065 against 54,672 in 1923. In Kennedy Town 53,684 were admitted against 46,418 in 1923. In Ma Tau Kok 10,381 were admitted against 8,264 in 1923. These are the only slaughter houses for cattle in the Colony.

There were no outbreaks of glanders, foot and mouth disease, or pleuro-pneumonia contagiosa last year, reports the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon. There were five cases of glanders in quarantine. As four of these occurred in a batch of expensive high class ponies, it shows the value of the test as a protection to horse owners.

The total number of pigs admitted to Kennedy Town was 11,462 in 1923. This includes 71,462 admitted to Kennedy Town and afterwards removed to other slaughterhouses in the Colony or exported from the Colony. Sheep and Goats:—The total number admitted to Kennedy Town was 18,076 against 30,451 in 1923. As in the case of pigs this includes 11,736 admitted to Kennedy Town and afterwards removed or exported.

There were 89,983 rats caught in Hongkong last year, and 85,285 in Kowloon.

Dr. W. R. Jones, late of the Geological Department, F.M.S., is shortly to contribute an article on "The Tinfelds of the World" to a well-known English mining journal.

Clocks from Germany and jewellery from all parts of England have been sold at Bath-made articles, according to the prosecution in a fraud charge at Bath.

Hanging is officially given as the death of one Chinese last year, he being "executed in due course of law." Seven deaths from suicide were registered last year in Hongkong, strangulation being the mode favoured by ten persons—all Chinese.

Last year January was the worst month for notifiable diseases, there being 464 cases. The worst month in 1923 was December with 441 cases. The best month last year was October with 27 cases, and in the previous year February was the best with 51 cases.

The Navy was responsible for only seven registrations of deaths last year. The causes were influenza (one), cerebro-spinal fever (one), heart disease (one), embolism and thrombosis other than cerebral (one), peritonitis (one), drowning (one), and heart failure (one).

Of the 262 deaths among the British and foreign community last year pneumonia extracted the greatest toll (38), followed by phthisis and pulmonary tuberculosis (27). Typhoid fever and injuries each caused 14; heart disease twelve; and nephritis 11. There were seven from small-pox and seven from cancer; six from influenza, six from malarial fever; and six from cirrhosis of the liver. Five were due to septic infections, five from old age, five from paralysis and convulsions; and five from enteritis and gastro-enteritis. Four succumbed to measles; four to developmental diseases; and four to general tuberculosis. There were three deaths from syphilis. Two died from dysentery; two from poisoning; two from beri-beri; and two from peritonitis.

On Christmas eve the Christmas fund for Shanghai richamen had reached almost \$7,000.

The Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd., announce a scale of discounts for prompt payment of the monthly gas accounts.

The silk shipped per s.s. "President Madison," which sailed from this port at 6.00 p.m., on November 29, arrived at New York at 2.00 p.m., on December 23—having been 23 calendar days and 21 hours in transit.

Worthy of being framed is a pretty wall calendar issued by the Colonial Dispensary, 14, Queen's Road Central. The print is beautifully done in colours and the scene—"A placid Morning," by R. W. B. Davis—is typical of a Homeland countryside.

A London firm of publishers announces a book called "The Man Nobody Knows." It is a Life of Christ, written by a business man for a business age. He regards Christ as "the greatest efficient" of all time, and His life as "the biggest news-story in the world."

A very useful wall calendar for 1926 has been received from the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co. General Managers). The calendar is of the tear-off pattern with a sheet for each day printed in bold type, the bottom portion of the sheet showing in addition the days of the entire month.

The return of notifiable diseases for the week ended on Saturday, the 26th inst., showed one British case of smallpox, imported; one British and one Chinese case of diphtheria, three Chinese cases of enteric fever, one imported, and one Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever. One Chinese case of enteric fever was reported to the Medical Officer of Health on Monday.

"The Times" has advertised for assistant engineers wanted for the P.W.D. in the F.M.S. and Straits Settlements. Also for assistant engineers for the railway. Four years' service, salary to start at \$400 plus temporary non-pensionable allowance of 10 per cent. to bachelors and 20 per cent. to married men. Rising by annual increments of \$25 to \$800 (sixteen years).

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. G. R. Edwards, Secretary of the United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd., has returned from home leave.

The death has taken place, from heart failure, of Mrs. G. P. G. Maher, wife of the Chief Engineer of the str. "Yingchow," at her residence, 214, Rue Bourgeat, Shanghai.

The engagement is announced of Mr. W. A. Ree, of the Straits Steamship Co., Ltd., son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Ree of Singapore, and Miss G. Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. G. Wilson of Singapore.

Mr. K. G. Wahamaki, the Shanghai Finnish Consul, has been promoted to the Consul-Generalship for the whole of China. On Saturday, he received a telegram from the Foreign Office in Helsinki, mentioning that the local Consulate had been elevated to a Consulate-General and that he had been promoted Consul-General for China.

Mr. E. S. Wilkinson, Hon. Secretary of the Shanghai Navy League, wrote to the subscribers to its Christmas fund as follows:—Will all those who have kindly sent cash or other donations please accept my best thanks. Cash has already been sent upriver so that every man, between Shanghai and Chungking, will have extra Christmas fare. Special arrangements will be made to provide for the men in Shanghai.

A farewell dinner will be given to Mr. Cyril Champkin, Assistant Commissioner for Wolf Cubs, by the Shanghai Boy Scouts Association on Friday, January 15, at the Takoo Mess by kind permission of Mr. T. H. R. Shaw. Mr. Champkin has been doing excellent work for the Association during his stay in Shanghai. All Scouts and Cubbers will attend in uniform and Mr. Champkin has promised to provide a happy evening's entertainment after the dinner. Mr. Champkin was previously Assistant Commissioner for Wolf Cubs in London.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is shortly going to Ceylon on a holiday.

The engagement is announced between Robert Barr Orr, Medan, Sumatra, and Mary Helen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. MacLellan Arnot, Inverhip, Renfrewshire.

Mr. E. E. Chambers, manager of the Chartered Bank, Penang, will be going home on leave early next year. Mr. A. M. Cassels, who will succeed Mr. Chambers, is expected back in Penang in February.

Mr. A. Caldecott, Malay Commissioner for Wembley, was one of the guests at a farewell luncheon given by the directors and proprietors of the "Times" at Printing House Square on November 18.

Time was when the young recruit at the party, failing to remember his lines, retired in confusion, but times have changed. Douglas, very anxious to entertain the company, made a good beginning with "The Wreck of the Hesperus." Then his memory failed him. "There," he commented, "I shall have to tell you the rest in my own words."

Letters have been received in Kobe from Mr. T. Iwahashi, a blind graduate of Kwansai Gakuin (English Literature Department), who has gone to Edinburgh University. After passing an oral examination in English, he was admitted to the M.A. course, without taking the usual entrance examination, and is to be allowed to graduate in two years. Instead of the usual three, if, as he hopes, he can pass the examination in that time. He is taking lectures for his degree in Philosophy and the History and Philosophy of Religion. Besides a voluntary course in English. He is assisted by his wife and has received a Bursary from the University. He is also a member of the Blind of Edinburgh and is able to borrow books from the Blind of London.

Mr. R. J. B. Clayton, District Officer, Teluk Anson, goes home on leave in March.

Mr. J. J. Fleury, Veterinary Surgeon, Kedah, has gone to Kuala Lumpur for anti-rabies treatment.

The Resident of Selangor has appointed the following gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace within and for the State of Selangor:—The Rev. Basil Coleby Roberts, Messrs. William McCulloch and Henry Crawford Joass.

The London newspapers relate that M. Briand has taken home with him the loving cup presented him by Sir Austen Chamberlain. It is wrought in silver. M. Briand told the interviewers how deeply he appreciated the kindness of which this was the symbol.

Pachmann, the famous pianist, is again in the public eye on account of his refusal to play Chopin's Funeral March at a Queen Alexandra Memorial concert, because of a vow which he made after the death of King Edward. The great Chopin interpreter is a man of moods; but one who lives for his music. "My music for me has no seasons," he confessed recently. But he cannot practise in England's winter and generally the colder months find him feeling to Rome.

Nearly a fortnight after the official announcement that he had won a first prize of £500 in a camera competition had been sent to him, R. J. O'Brien, a 15-year-old schoolboy, of Sedgemoor, Highways, Liverpool, has just learned of his good fortune. During the boy's absence at school, and which his father has taken to the Cambridge, revealing the award of the £500 given by the Kodak Company for the best photograph of the summer, on camera made in the Great Britain this year.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

BEST PORTLAND CEMENT

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

General Managers

HONGKONG.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE COMPANY, LTD.

Advances made on Landed Property,
Goods, etc.

Trustees of Estates, Executors of
Wills, etc.

Warehousing of Goods of all
Description.

For terms and particulars

Apply at the Head-Office,

"St. George's" Building.

Telephone C. 781.

Telegraphic address "RELYAT."

THE HONGKONG TUG & LIGHTER Co., Ltd.

Single packages and small consignments
received and delivered by Motor
Lighter.

Lighterage of any description undertaken.
Tugs and Lighters may be obtained at
all hours.

Motor Boat and Launches available
for conveying Passengers and Baggage
to and from Steamers in Harbour.

For terms and particulars apply at the

HEAD OFFICE—ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING.

TELEPHONES: Head Office—Central 781. Night, Sunday or Holiday
Chinese Branch Office—Central 4935. Ring up Kowloon 622.

HONGKONG & TERRITORIAL ESTATES, LTD.

(Property Owners, Estate Agents,
Land Valuers, etc.)

WILL UNDERTAKE THE

Development and Improvement of Landed
Property and attend to all Branches of
Real Estate Business.

For terms and particulars

Apply at the Head Office.

Tel. C. 781.

"St. George's" Building.

Telegraphic address "ESTATES"



Your old clothes will take
on a new lease of life
if you send them to us
for dry-cleaning. May we
have an opportunity of
convincing you?

THE INTERNATIONAL DRY CLEANING & DYEING CO.,

The Modern Dry Cleaners and Dyers
19, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

LEE FONG
ARTISTIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

No. 7, Wyndham Street
HONGKONG.

SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN
To Developing Amateurs' Negatives
Printing and Enlarging

Tel. No. 323

Tel. No. 4028

PUN YLOK OHO

LAND & ESTATE AGENTS

Telephone Central No. 911-150

85, Queen's Road Central

"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

A CHALLENGE!

NAVY CHAMPION WANTS FIGHT.

THE H.K.B.A. PLEASE NOTE.

Middleweight champion of the Royal Navy in China (1924), Stoker (General) George Booth is returning to Hongkong at the end of January.

The "General" desires to be matched, under the auspices of the "Hongkong Boxing Association," as soon as possible after the arrival here of H.M.S. "Hollyhock," for a boxing contest.

Booth's challenge is open to anybody in the Colony at 150 lbs. It is highly probable that a class middleweight bout will be appreciated by local "fans." Accordingly boxers of this class had better get busy.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

INDIAN SCHOOL MEET THIS WEEK.

Mrs. A. R. Sutherland will give away the prizes at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow (New Year's Eve) after the annual athletic sports of the Ellis Kadourie School for Indians.

The programme of 20 events commences at 2 p.m. on the Indian Recreation Club's ground, Sookumpoo.

Mr. J. C. Fletcher is starter and handicapper. The judges are Messrs. J. Keston, M. A. Khan and Fung Pak.

LAWN TENNIS.

BRITISH TEAM NOW IN SOUTH AFRICA.

MORE DETAILED RESULTS.

(Via Colombo.)

Escurt (South Africa), Dec. 9. The British lawn tennis team defeated Natal in the tournament which concluded to-day.

Miss McKane (Great Britain) beat Miss Heine (Natal), 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Eaglestone (Natal) defeated Summerson (Great Britain), 6-0, 6-1.

Eaglestone and Hutton (Natal) beat Godfree and Eames, 8-6, 6-3.

Summerson and Crole Rees (Great Britain) beat Garbutt and Peacock (Natal), 6-4, 6-1.

Miss McKane and Miss Coyler (Great Britain) defeated Miss Parker and Mrs. Lowe (Natal), 8-6, 6-2.

Mrs. Watson and Miss Ridley (Great Britain) defeated Miss Harrison and Miss Heine (Natal), 6-2, 6-4.

Godfree and Miss McKane (Great Britain) beat Eaglestone and Miss Parker (Natal), 6-4, 6-0.

Eames and Miss Coyler (Great Britain) beat Hutton and Miss Brown (Natal), 6-2, 6-3.

Thus Great Britain defeated Natal by 6 matches to 2.

The tennis was most spectacular despite the slippery condition of the courts.

As the result of her splendid display against Miss McKane, Miss Heine was selected to fill the vacancy in Saturday's test team. She is only sixteen years of age, and is thus probably the youngest Test player in the history of the game.

SUCH IS FAME.

SUZANNE LENGLEN AT CROMER.

MARD COURT RESULTS.

(Times of Ceylon.)

London, October 30. The following are results in the open hard court tournament being held at Cromer—

MIXED DOUBLES.

First Round.—Miss Suzanne Lenglen and Brugnon beat Mr. and Mrs. Cazalet, 6/1, 6/1.

LADIES' DOUBLES.

Miss Lenglen and Mrs. Lambert Chambers beat Miss Price and Mrs. Shephard-Walpole, 6/0, 6/0.

The stands were packed and the spectators enthusiastically welcomed the lady champion (Miss Lenglen).

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

ANNUAL UNIVERSITY MATCH.

"PAST V. PRESENT."

The following will be the teams in the annual University "Past v. Present" cricket match beginning at 10.30 a.m. on New Year's Day (at Pokfulam):—

Past.—Ng Sze-kwong (captain), W. M. Gittins, A. H. Rumjahn, C. Chow, H. C. Hunt, W. Hall, J. L. Youngs, T. E. Yeoh, Yung Hin-lun, Dr. D. K. Samy, Dr. S. A. M. Sepher, A. T. M. Barma, Umpire, C. G. Anderson, Scorer, M. A. Khan.

Present.—A. A. Rumjahn (captain), R. A. Ponsobly, Fane, H. N. Bahatchet, S. O. Shahabudin, C. W. Lam, D. Laing, S. Hachuma, E. Zimmern, B. N. Sudan, Y. C. Teh, I. Tajima, E. P. Ng, Umpire, C. H. Yeoh, Scorer, C. E. Lee.

JUNIOR "DERBY" GAME.

In an all-day match on Saturday at Kowloon (start 10.30 a.m.), the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI (against K.C.C. 2nd XI) will be:

W. W. Mackenzie (Capt.), C. L. R. Becher, H. C. Burgess, H. Griffin, J. Hall, A. K. Mackenzie, D. E. C. Nicholson, H. V. Parker, H. J. Stevenson, G. R. Vallack, M. M. Watson.

HOME TURF.

SIR VICTOR SASSOON'S TRAINER.

(Times of Ceylon.)

London, November 21. The "Evening Standard" states that Newmarket will have a new trainer next season in the person of James Houston Crawford, who will have charge of Sir Victor Sassoon's bungalow, stud and farm and Fitzroy House training establishment.

Negotiations for the purchase of the latter by Sir Victor Sassoon are stated to be on the point of completion.

Sir Victor Sassoon has gone to India, and it is said he will not return for two years; unless Crawford finds a horse worth coming to see.

Crawford first trained in England for Goculdas.

HOME RUGGER.

ARMY VICTORY OVER R.N. COLLEGE.

(Via Colombo.)

London, Dec. 9. At rugby, the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, lost to the Army by 3 points to 16.

WORLD SERIES.

EARLIER DATE NEXT YEAR.

(United Press.)

New York, December 10. A joint session of the major baseball leagues voted to end the 1926 season on September 26, permitting the world series to be held earlier.

Sacramento (Cal.), December 12.—Sessue Adaoka, Japanese, won a technical knockout last night over Jane Pesaro of Manila. Associated Press.

PLAYED TO A DRAW.

AUSTRALIAN THREE-DAY CRICKET.

TEST PLAYER'S GOOD FEAT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Adelaide, Dec. 29.

The 3-day cricket match South Australia v. New Zealand was left drawn. Scores:—

S.A. (1st) 351 runs. A. Richardson made 77 and Alexander (an 18-year old University player) scored 130.

N.Z. (1st) 339 runs. Lowry made 123, A. Richardson took 4 wickets for 41 runs.

S.A. (2nd) 298 runs for 5 wickets, declared. A. Richardson made 104.

N.Z. (2nd) 192 runs for 7 wickets.

[Note.—The Lowry mentioned is likely to be T. C. Lowry of Christ's College, N.Z., and Jesus College, Cambridge, who was in the Light Blue team in 1923 and captain in 1924.] Prior to getting his Blue he had already played for Somerset.

In the close season 1923-4 he was with A. P. F. Chapman (Cantab, Barks, Kent and England) in A. C. McLaren's M.C.C. XI which toured Australia and New Zealand. After the last series of Tests, Chapman went to New Zealand to marry Lowry's sister.

Arthur Richardson played against England in the last Tests.]

HOME HOCKEY.

ALL-INDIA XI ON TOUR.

(Via Colombo.)

London, Dec. 7.

Jaipul Singh's All-India hockey team, which is going on a tour to Belgium and Spain, leaves London on December 17, and will include Yusuf Afzal and N. U. Ahmad.

The team visits Brussels, Antwerp, Barcelona, Valencia, Bilbao and Madrid, returning on January.

RUGGER BLUES.

CAMBRIDGE'S WINNING SIDE.

London, December 3.

The Cambridge rugby team against Oxford, at Twickenham on December 10 will be as follows:—

B. Turnbull (Christ's), T. Francis (Pembroke), C. Aarvold (Immanuel) and Rowe Harding (Pembroke).

W. Sobey (St. John's) and C. Bishop (Christ's).

W. Tucker (Caius), W. Idris Jones (Caius), C. Barlow (Caius), R. Barlow (Corpus Christi), E. Gibson (Trinity), G. Hamilton (Caius), G. Morpeth (St. John's), and A. Allen (Caius).

The team comprises seven old Blues six seniors and two freshmen, Aarvold and Allen.

[Note.—As cabled by Reuter, the Cantabs won by 33 points to 3.]

The 1st East Surreys and the R.A. are playing in a league (div. 1) soccer match at Sookumpoo to-day, kick-off 4 p.m.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Churchill (Chancellor of the Exchequer) said he had noted the suggestion for instituting Government lotteries on racetracks as a means of obtaining revenue for the country.

BAT BEATS BALL.

NAVY AND ARMY SCORE HEAVILY.

TRIANGULAR CRICKET.

To such an extent did the bat beat the ball in the second day's play of the Army v. Navy cricket match at the H.K.C.C. yesterday that 456 runs were scored while only 12 wickets fell. The Navy won by 3 wickets. During the holidays they meet the Club for final honours.

At the start yesterday morning the Army were 127 runs on with 5 wickets to fall. Lt. Smith, one of the overnight "not outs," soon fell. His partner, Captain Warters made a century while Colonel Edmeades added 63. Cantrell again bowled well for the Navy.

Set 291 runs to obtain for victory, the Navy were always masters of an attack which seemed weak in change bowling.

Pay Lt. Hussey was unfortunate to get even closer to the three-figure mark and fall. His aggregate for the match is 183.

Full scores follow:—

ARMY—1ST INNINGS.

Capt. Armstrong, not out . . . 28

C. Q. M. S. Stripp, c & b Woodward . . . 14

Sgt. Blondin, b Beatty . . . 10

Capt. Bridgeland, lb.w. b Cantrell . . . 28

Major Hattersley Smith, c Cantrell, b Beatty . . . 9

Capt. Morris, b Cantrell . . . 6

Capt. Warters, c Halsey, b Cantrell . . . 7

Lt. Smith, c Lake, b Cantrell . . . 5

Lt. Col. Edmeades, b Cantrell . . . 3

Spr. Goodyer, b Cantrell . . . 0

Gar. Clayton, b Beatty . . . 0

Extras . . . 7

Total . . . 115

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. K. W.

Cantrell . . . 18 4 36 6

Woodward . . . 12 3 25 1

Beatty . . . 10 3 23 8

Sillitoe . . . 4 0 14 0

NAVY—1ST INNINGS.

Lt. Com. Armitage, b Goodyer . . . 1

Pay Lt. Hussey, b Morris . . . 87

Lt. Nicholson, run out . . . 1

Mid. Stephenson, b Smith . . . 6

Lt. Halsey, c Clayton, b Morris . . . 23

Lt. Sillitoe, not out . . . 27

Pay Com. Woodward, b Clayton . . . 1

Lt. Col. Cantrell, c Blondin, b Morris . . . 0

Capt. Lake, run out . . . 4

Lt. Wauchops, b Clayton . . . 0

Lt. Beatty, b Morris . . . 9

Extras . . . 11

Total . . . 170

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. K. W.

Goodyer . . . 7 0 53 1

Smith . . . 6 2 27 1

Morris . . . 9 3 47 4

Clayton . . . 9 0 32 2

ARMY—2ND INNINGS.

C. Q. M. S. Stripp, b Cantrell . . . 8

Sgt. Blondin, c & b Cantrell . . . 26

Capt. Bridgeland, c Armitage, b Stephenson . . . 56

Major Hattersley Smith, b Beatty . . . 60

Capt. Morris, b Cantrell . . . 1

Capt. Warters, b Nicholson . . . 102

Lt. Smith, b Cantrell . . . 10

Lt. Col. Edmeades, b Nicholson . . . 63

Spr. Goodyer, lb.w. b Stephenson . . . 3

Lt. Chidson, not out . . . 2

Gr. Clayton, b Nicholson . . . 0

Extras . . . 14

Total . . . 345

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. K. W.

Cantrell . . . 29 5 99 4

Beatty . . . 20 2 68 1

Lake . . . 6 1 33 0

Sillitoe . . . 2 0 8 0

Nicholson . . . 9 1 31 3

Stephenson . . . 12 0 35 2

Woodward . . . 7 0 23 0

RUGBY LEAGUE.

DOMINIONS AND THE BOARD.

COMING CONFERENCE.

(Via Colombo.)

Capetown, Dec. 9. At a meeting of the South African Rugby Football Board, a resolution was passed expressing keen disappointment that the Imperial Advisory Rugby Football Board had not been appointed.

It was also decided to accept the invitation to attend the Conference in 1927, at which the appointment of such a Board will be re-urged.

The New Zealand proposals on the questions relating to the holiday of an Advisory Board every three years or every five years, and whether the meeting of that Board should always be held in Great Britain or sometimes in prominent places in the Dominions, were discussed. It was decided that the questions should be brought up at the 1927 Conference.

The Director of Public Health (Lt. Col. W. C. Ross, L.M.S.), discussing on food and health, remarks that the general health of the people is better in time of scarcity, and is not seriously affected until actual famine prevails.

"When plenty prevails, the general custom is to overeat and to use excessive quantities of the accustomed diet: when scarcity prevails, an abstemious diet is enforced by circumstances."

"The accustomed diet of the people, be it based upon rice or atta, or upon meat, is, in the opinion of Lt. Col. Ross, defective and excessive in almost all cases. The food is first deprived of its best and most nutritious parts, when the rice is husked and polished or the atta is ground fine and white, or the potatoes are peeled, and then it is spoiled by cooking which slowly destroys the vital properties (vitamines) which are essential to good health."

"Man is the only animal that cooks his food and he is a fool for his pains. The less food is cooked, the better it is. The longer it is cooked, the more deficient it becomes in vital properties. Lopsided, badly balanced diets, deficient in vital elements are in general use and are the direct cause of many diseases such as beri-beri, epidemic, dropsy, scurvy, etc., and are the most potent cause of general ill-health and debility and the most common predisposing cause of all other diseases. Much has been written about immunity and how to create protection against disease and how to cure by disinfectants, drugs and inoculations. But the last word in the story of Health is this—that a healthy body is the best defence against disease, and the golden rule of Health is to eat little and wisely."

INCIDENCE OF DISEASES.

There is, says the report, a remarkable difference in the distribution of diseases in urban rural areas. The infectious diseases, the spread of which largely depends upon overcrowding, density of population, and the consequent facilities for infection, are consistently more prevalent in the towns, whereas fevers, of which malaria is the chief, are more prevalent in the rural areas, where the facilities are greater for the breeding of anopheline mosquitoes and where the economic condition of the people is frequently not so good.

The large towns are, not beds of consumption, and this disease, together with pneumonia and influenza, comes the death rate from respiratory diseases in the towns is greater in towns than in rural areas. Similarly, cholera and plague are more prevalent in the towns than in the villages.

The provincial death rate from cholera rose from 27 in the previous year to 22 in 1924. Special preventive measures were taken and a special staff was employed in connection with the cholera fever in 1924.

The Government has decided to establish a central board of health in the provinces.

The principles and practice of public health betterment have not yet been absorbed nor incorporated in the public opinion and public policy of India. The creation of public opinion and a communal conscience in public health matters is as yet lacking, but must necessarily precede any real progress in the betterment of public health. At present, therefore, it rests with Government to direct and to control all measures dealing with public health and to initiate in all such measures.

Such legislation as is needed must be more comprehensive, and must give a strong and definite lead with a view to requiring and directing a definite advance in public health standards and sanitation. The early action on these issues is, however, the first step towards the betterment of public health.

On the other hand, it is equally true that legislation must be directed in advance of public opinion.

The principles and practice of public health betterment have not yet been absorbed nor incorporated in the public opinion and public policy of India. The creation of public opinion and a communal conscience in public health matters is as yet lacking, but must necessarily precede any real progress in the betterment of public health. At present, therefore, it rests with Government to direct and to control all measures dealing with public health and to initiate in all such measures.

Such legislation as is needed must be more comprehensive, and must give a strong and definite lead with a view to requiring and directing a definite advance in public health standards and sanitation. The early action on these issues is, however, the first step towards the betterment of public health.

On the other hand, it is equally true that legislation must be directed in advance of public opinion.

The principles and practice of public health betterment have not yet been absorbed nor incorporated in the public opinion and public policy of India. The creation of public opinion and a communal conscience in public health matters is as yet lacking, but must necessarily precede any real progress in the betterment of public health. At present, therefore, it rests with Government to direct and to control all measures dealing with public health and to initiate in all such measures.

Such legislation as is needed must be more comprehensive, and must give a strong and definite lead with a view to requiring and directing a definite advance in public health standards and sanitation. The early action on these issues is, however, the first step towards the betterment of public health.

On the other hand, it is equally true that legislation must be directed in advance of public opinion.

The principles and practice of public health betterment have not yet been absorbed nor incorporated in the public opinion and public policy of India. The creation of public opinion and a communal conscience in public health matters is as yet lacking, but must necessarily precede any real progress in the betterment of public health. At present, therefore, it rests with Government to direct and to control all measures dealing with public health and to initiate in all such measures.

Such legislation as is needed must be more comprehensive, and must give a strong and definite lead with a view to requiring and directing a definite advance in public health standards and sanitation. The early action on these issues is, however, the first step towards the betterment of public health.

On the other hand, it is equally true that legislation must be directed in advance of public opinion.

The principles and practice of public health betterment have not yet been absorbed nor incorporated in the public opinion and public policy of India. The creation of public opinion and a communal conscience in public health matters is as yet lacking, but must necessarily precede any real progress in the betterment of public health. At present, therefore, it rests with Government to direct and to control all measures dealing with public health and to initiate in all such measures.

Such legislation as is needed must be more comprehensive, and must give a strong and definite lead with a view to requiring and directing a definite advance in public health standards and sanitation. The early action on these issues is, however, the first step towards the betterment of public health.

On the other hand, it is equally true that legislation must be directed in advance of public opinion.

The principles and practice of public health betterment have not yet been absorbed nor incorporated in the public opinion and public policy of India. The creation of public opinion and a communal conscience in public health matters is as yet lacking, but must necessarily precede any real progress in the betterment of public health. At present, therefore, it rests with Government to direct and to control all measures dealing with public health and to initiate in all such measures.

Such legislation as is needed must be more comprehensive, and must give a strong and definite lead with a view to requiring and directing a definite advance in public health standards and sanitation. The early action on these issues is, however, the first step towards the betterment of public health.

On the other hand, it is equally true that legislation must be directed in advance of public opinion.

The principles and practice of public health betterment have not yet been absorbed nor incorporated in the public opinion and public policy of India. The creation of public opinion and a communal conscience in public health matters is as yet lacking, but must necessarily precede any real progress in the betterment of public health. At present, therefore, it rests with Government to direct and to control all measures dealing with public health and to initiate in all such measures.

SMOKE! SMOKE! SMOKE!
"GOLDEN DRAGON"
CIGARETTES.



NANYANG BROS. TOBACCO CO., LTD.
Tel. Nos. C. 347 & 348. 165, Des Voeux Road Central.

STRENGTH, EFFICIENCY, ECONOMY.

RAYMOND
CONCRETE
PILES.

THE HONGKONG EXCAVATION, PILE DRIVING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.
TEL. C. 3749. 2nd FLOOR, POWELL'S BUILDING.

JUST ARRIVED

ELBSCHLOSS BEER

Sole Agents:

THE WING ON CO., LTD.

Hongkong's Artistic Photographers

The

YING MING STUDIO

Queen's Road Central

(Official Photographers of the "China Mail")

Phone Gerrard 5478 — Tel. "Jamaica" London.

A. C. DISS

(Late of DISS BROS. & MACINTOSH, LTD.)

HONGKONG

140 CAMPBELL LATHAM & CO
TAILORS

59, Conduit Street
LONDON, W.1.

People and Events in the News of the World



LINER 'LENAPE' DESTROYED

The Clyde liner "Lenape," bound for Florida from New York, took fire off the New Jersey coast. Thrilling rescue by many boats, including run-runners, saved the 307 passengers and crew. The steel hull of the craft was towed into Delaware Breakwater. This picture was snapped from a seaplane.



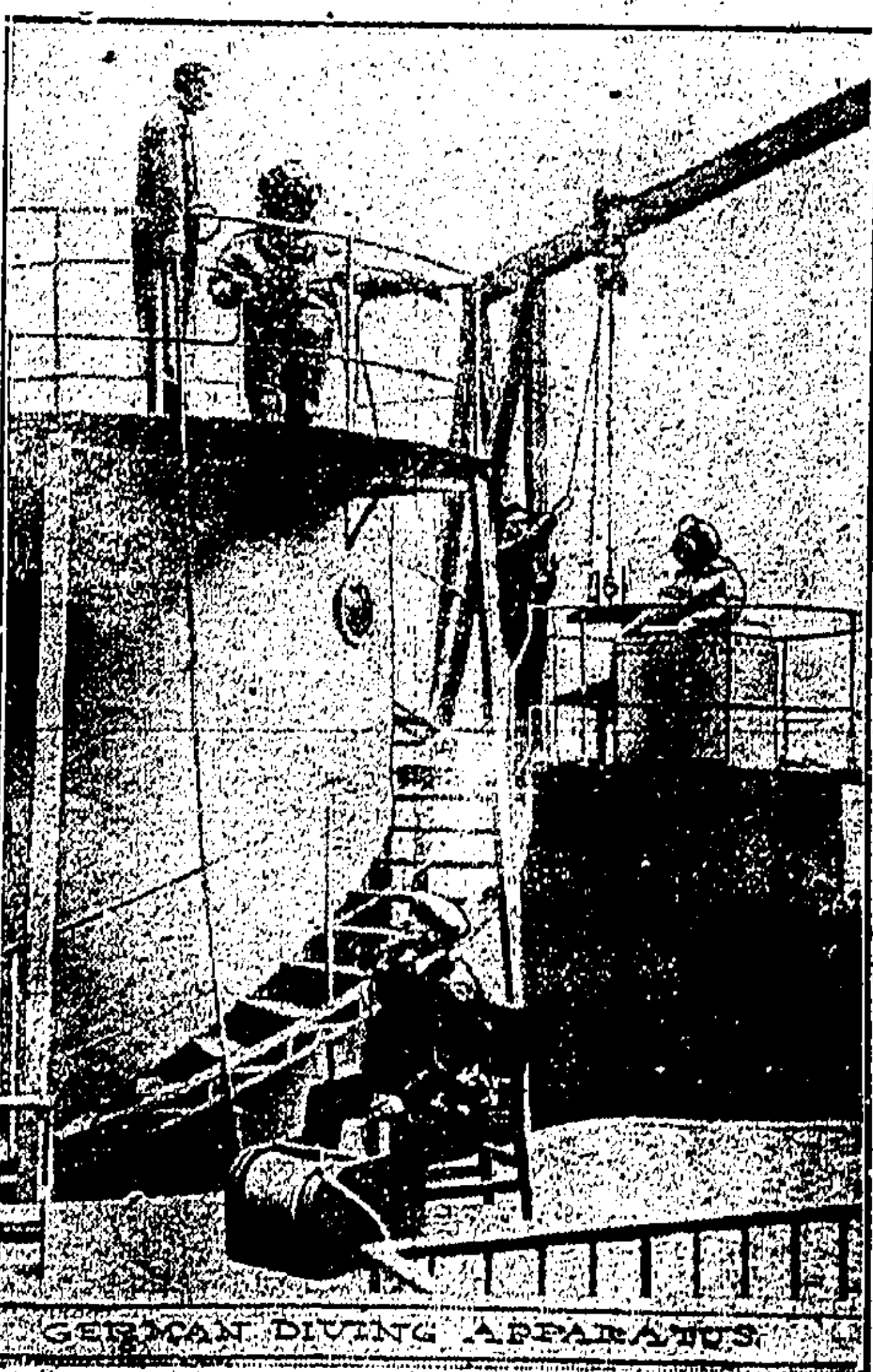
COL. A. MARTYNOFF

Once chief of police of the Moscow department, Col. Alexander Martynoff is now a night watchman.



LENAPE RADIO OPERATORS, RESCUED

Chief operator George Seober and his assistant, John Ochocki, stuck to their posts and hammered out S.O.S. while the liner "Lenape" burned off the New Jersey coast.



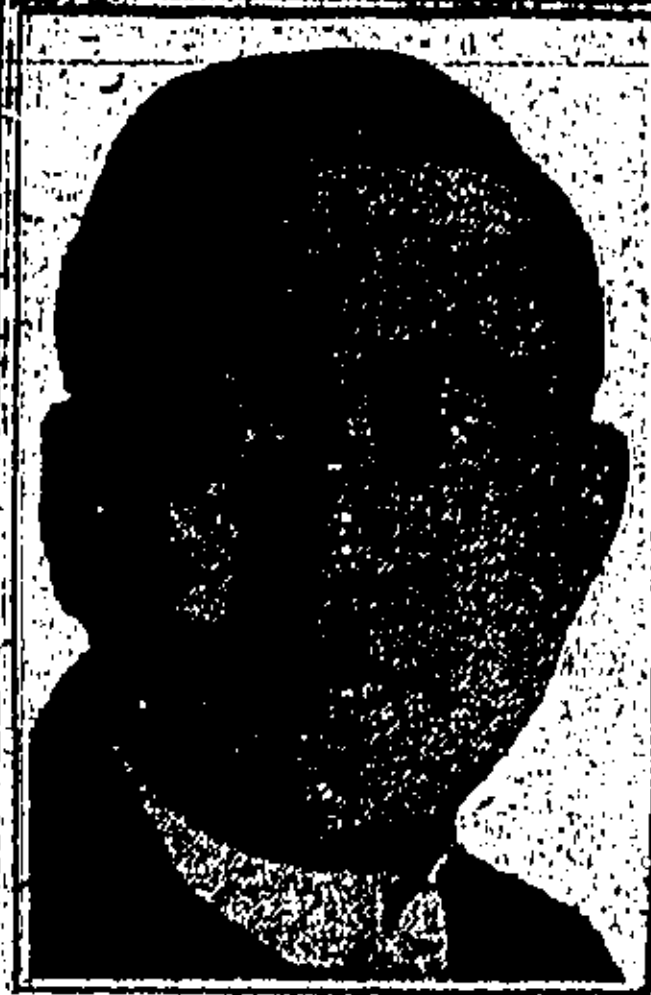
GERMAN DIVING APPARATUS

Eight German divers helped the British in their search for the missing submarine, M-1. The Germans are sole possessors of a new apparatus which weighs half a ton and is equipped with lights and a telephone. This is lowered to the bottom of the ocean. From it the divers operate.



SECURELY SECURE

Captured on the banks of the Amazon, this jungle dwarf, three years old, weighs only four ounces but is capable of eating his weight in grapes and raisins daily.



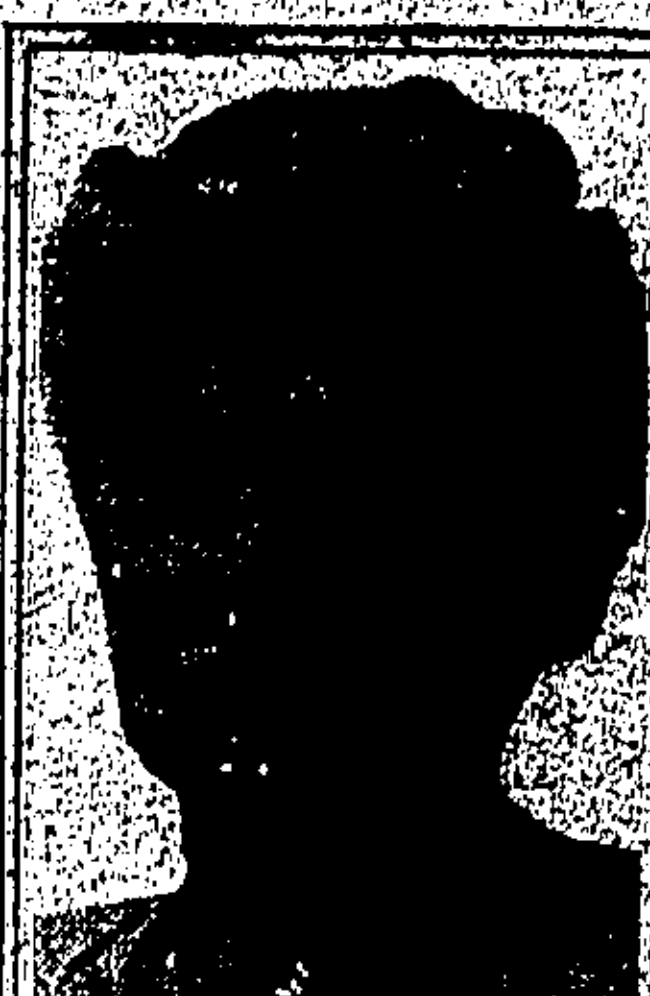
COUNT SANYU OTANI



MISS ELEANOR COLE



LADY BATHURST



MRS. ELLA BOOLE

Count Sanyu Otani, brother of the Emperor of Japan and prelate of Buddhism, dedicated a Buddhist temple in Los Angeles. Miss Eleanor Cole, whose engagement to James Bodrero has been announced. Lady Bathurst of London suffered three broken ribs in a motor-car crash. Mrs. Ella Boole has been elected president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

BRINGING UP FATHER

OH MOTHER, IT
REALLY IS
A BEAUTIFUL
WATCH



I BOUGHT
IT FOR
DADDY
DO YOU
THINK HE
WILL LIKE
IT?



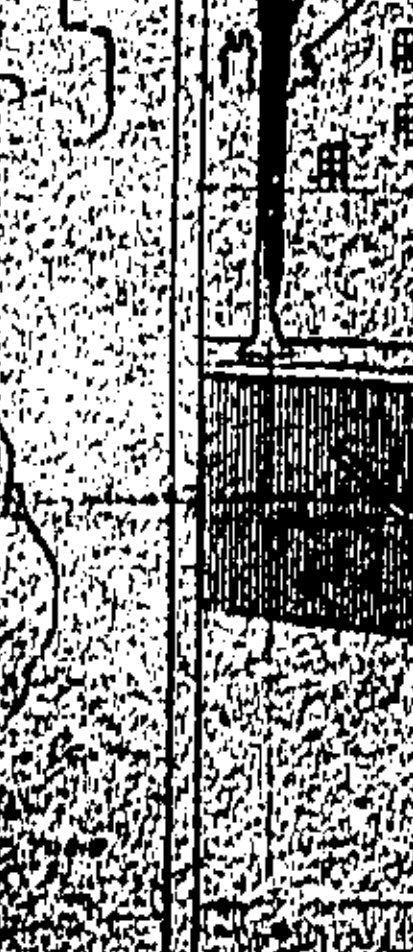
OH IM SO
HAPPY IM
GLAD YOU
LIKE IT?



JUST
WHAT
I NEEDED



THAT WUZ MIGHTY
FINE FRAGGLE
DADDY
DO YOU
THINK HE
WILL LIKE
IT?



THE PRESENT
IS OFF
AND
THE
FUTURE
IS ON



SALE
OF
WATCHES
\$2.00 EACH

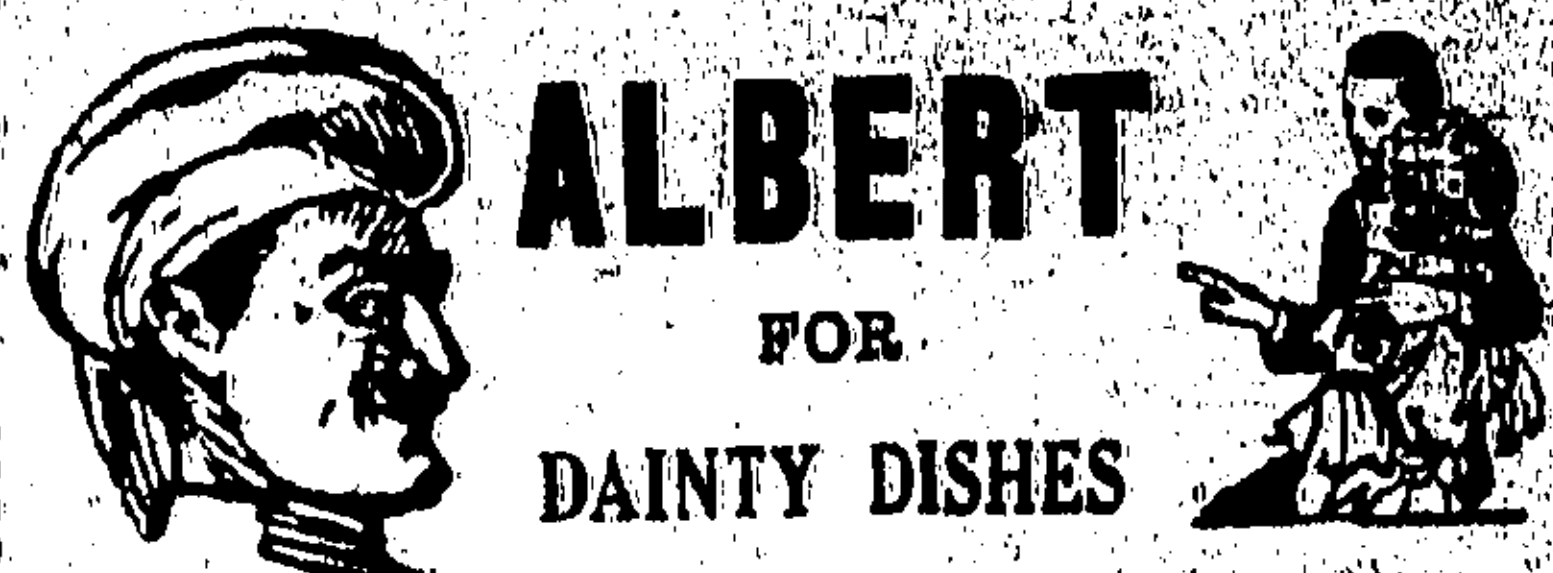


YOU
are invited to inspect our
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Fine Assortment of
EUROPEAN TOYS
at moderate prices



GRACA & CO
Dealers in Toys, Postage Stamps,
Religious Goods, Seeds, etc.
No. 10, WYNDHAM STREET
HONGKONG





ALBERT

FOR

DAINTY DISHES

A DIALOGUE BETWEEN CONNOISSEURS

He.—Where are you going?
 She.—Why, To Albert, of course, where we are sure to get the finest French Pastry and the best cooking.
 He.—That is so! His French Cakes at \$1.00 per dozen, his Madeira Cakes, his Big Cakes, his Joe-Creams (combined with excellent cuisine) are made exclusively with the butter, milk and cream of the Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.
 She.—Quite so!—and he also has a new menu comprising fifty new dishes which you can enjoy any time from 10.30 a.m. to Midnight.

Queen's Road Central
 (Opposite Hongkong Hotel Building)

TUNG SANG

TAILOR

11A, Peel Street.

同生上等洋服定期

華利街拾一號A

EXPERT FITTERS

HIGH CLASS

TAILORING SERVICE.

Let "GETS-IT"



corn limping. Entire satisfaction or your money back. Costs but a trifle—sold by all Chemists & Shops. E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, U.S.A.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1828
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Taikoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (filterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Tai-mo-shan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971

SHOEMAKERS

(Japanese Hand Made)
 Every Kind of Footwear
 MADE TO ORDER.



CHERRY & CO.
 4, D'AGUIAR STREET,
 Opposite Karamally & Co.
 Telephone Central No. 491.
 Hongkong, March 30, 1914.



It's a mighty comfortable feeling—

for a mother to know her baby is having the best food.

And she knows this is the case when her baby is fed on Glaxo, the food that builds firm flesh and plenty of bone!

Glaxo has been used to rear the babies in six Royal Nurseries, and Court Physicians say that Royal Babies have only the best.

Give your baby the food Royal Babies have—Glaxo, the food that Builds Bonnie Babies. Ask your Doctor!



Write for Free Sample and Descriptive Booklet to

Sole Agents:
 W. E. LOXLEY & CO.,
 Hongkong.

ODDS AND ENDS

Transport of the Future.

There are many men still who cannot take air transport seriously; they look upon it as a sort of blind alley in aeronautical progress—too dangerous, too unreliable, and too costly ever to be of serious commercial value, and fit only for a camouflage under which can be hidden a military reserve for the Royal Air Force. With these theories I find myself in the most definite disagreement. So said Air Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Brannaker in a paper on "The Lessons of Six Years' Experience in Air Transport," read before the Royal Aeronautical Society in London recently.

The Grape Harvest.

When all the English visitors but one have departed, and the hired motor car disappears for the last time over the brow of the hill in the direction of Rheims, "la vendange"—the grape harvest—is due to begin in this little village in the department of the "Marne" (observes a "Westminster Gazette" writer). Madame la Fermière now turns her thoughts from feeding paying guests to getting ready the huge vinepress in the "cave," the whole village has a washing-day of voluminous multi-colored aprons, and then suddenly one morning, ere the rays of dawn have touched the gilded weather-vane atop the cottage chimneys, the vineyards on the southern slopes of the fertile valley become alive with women and children. Brushing aside the crimson leaves and pulling off the large clusters of purple grapes with deft fingers, the grape gatherers, drop the fruit swiftly but carefully, into their aprons. Boys as well as girls wear the apron, because grape-gathering is a strenuous job and cloth knickerbockers are still dear to the boys in provincial France. As noon approaches the women and girls put on sun-bonnets and the boys fold hats to ward off the hot sun. At midday they stop for a meal of bread and goat's milk cheese, and then on with half an hour's break till sunset. The grape harvest may last two or three days. In this smiling corner of the Champagne district so casual hired labour is encouraged; each family likes to be self-contained and to gather its grapes as best it may; though one with a bigger vineyard than another may get help—to be paid for—from a neighbour whose vines are stripped first. But that will not be until the yield from the smaller holding has been weighed to the last franc's worth.

Fur Flowers.

The newest fur coats are trimmed not only with insertions and patches of different pelts, but with beautifully made flowers of fur trimmed sometimes by braid alone (says the "Weekly Dispatch"). The use of braid on fur is an innovation of this season.

Basal Metabolism.

This is a term that is gradually wandering from medical into general literature, or rather into the daily papers, and it may therefore be of interest to learn what it means. Metabolism means the sum of the chemical changes in the tissues of the body whereby waste materials are removed from the cells and nutriment is brought to them for their repair. Basal metabolism means the lowest degree of cell activity consistent with the continuance of the bodily functions. The chemical processes concerned in oxidation or burning, and they always produce heat. The basal metabolism is therefore expressed by putting this heat production into figures; by stating the number of calories (a word which must by now be sufficiently familiar to all who read a less-than-diet-and-nutrition) produced in a given time. Since the combustion of food produces these calories if oxidized by oxygen, and the final product of such combustion is mainly carbonic acid, the basal metabolism may be determined by measuring the amount of oxygen inhaled or of carbon dioxide (carbonic acid gas) exhaled in a definite period, when the person examined is in a state of absolute rest. There are several forms of apparatus that physicians use to measure the rate of metabolism. The determination must be made when the patient has been resting quietly in bed for some hours, and at least, twelve hours after a meal, in order to eliminate the heat-producing factors of exercise and digestion. At present the estimate of the basal metabolism rate is principally of value in diagnosing affections of the thyroid gland, but its application is being gradually extended to the study of other diseases. A high basal rate is found not only when the thyroid gland is over-active but also in pernicious anaemia; a lowered rate occurs when the thyroid is sluggish, and also in weakness resulting from prolonged fasting, whether through simple loss of appetite or from affections of the gut; or, at length, that prevent the passage of a sufficient amount of food.—Youth's Companion.

Our Daily Light.

Lady Frances Ballour's observation that "light is like drink; the more you have the more you want," raises an interesting question. I happen to live in one of the houses from which the paraffin lamp has not passed, and, though we have in one small room an eighty candle power lamp and two equally powerful in another, we all have the feeling that the rooms are only about half lighted (says a writer in the "Morning Post"). The explanation seems to be that electric light and incandescent mantles are accomplishing the bright eye of a white light and the yellow light of a candle or oil lamp, and so being lighted at all, I can foresee the day when the striking of a yellow-flamed match will have no more effect on the retina than a snap of the fingers.

Inflammable Toys.

Experiments with fire have been carried out before the executive committee of the Institute of Hygiene with toys made of celluloid and similar compounds. The toys, bought at a market, ranged in price from 1d. to 6d. What happened to them when brought into contact with a match flame is shown in the following reports: Tiny doll faced up to a height of 12 inches, and burned for 25 seconds. Coloured balls played for 30 seconds. With a 15-inch flame. Child's rattle (parrot headed with shell) poured forth flame 18 inches long for 45 seconds, and exploded at intervals, shooting out pieces of material to the danger of the operators. Tiny ducks, frogs, fishes, women's hair combs, etc., destroyed almost instantly. The doctors who were present, including Dr. H. King Brown, chairman of the executive, passed a resolution that the use of such dangerously inflammable materials in the manufacture of children's toys and the importation and sale of such toys, should be prohibited.

WHAT LIFE IS LIKE.

An eminent business man has described life as like a strenuous game of push-ball. To play the game successfully efficiency is of the utmost importance, and to keep mentally and physically efficient, the system must be sustained in a clean and healthy condition.

At an aid to internal cleanliness and health nothing is better than Pinkettes. Taken when needed, a little dose of these dainty laxatives gently stimulates the liver, cleanses constipation, ensures daily regularity, aids digestion, keeps the skin clear and the breath sweet. Your chemist sells Pinkettes, or post free, 80 cents the vial from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60, Kingston Road, Shanghai.

HONGKONG
 HONGKONG HOTEL; REPULSE BAY HOTEL;
 PEAK HOTEL.
 Telegraphic Address: "KREMLIN, HONGKONG."
 AND
SHANGHAI
 ASTOR HOUSE HOTEL; PALACE HOTEL;
 KALEE HOTEL; MAJESTIC HOTEL.
 Telegraphic Address: "CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."
HOTELS, LIMITED.

In association with the Grand Hotel
 des Wagons Lits, Peking.

Tel. Kowloon No. 2. **PALACE HOTEL.** Tel. Address "Palace."
 (Three minutes from Kowloon Ferry Wharf & Railway Station)
 Entirely under English Management. Electric Light & Fans Throughout.
 Every Room with Private Bath.
 Lounge Bar & Billiard Rooms. Unrivalled Cuisine under the personal supervision of the Proprietor.
 Terms moderate. Special terms to families on application to
 J. H. OXBERRY, Proprietor.

ASTOR HOUSE HOTEL.

Telegraphic Address: "ASTOR." Telephone Central 170.
 13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
 A first class Hotel centrally located, large and airy rooms completely renovated and refurnished. New Dining Room for Maids and la Carte. Excellent Cuisine. Monthly Tickets for Tidies and Dinners. Under entirely new Management.
 For further particulars apply to
 H. TELLES JORGE, Manager.

SUKIYAKI HALL

JUST OPENED
TRY SUKIYAKI and TORINABE OHOW.
 Best Food at the Cheapest Price.
 CHITOSE HOTEL branch. Telephone C. 1716
 No. 1, Hau Fung Lane
 Queen's Road East, Wanchai.

KING EDWARD HOTEL

ALL DEPARTMENTS.
 A LUXURIOUS FRANK PINE ENTRANCE, Electric Light, Fans and Lighting, European Cuisine and Sanitary Plumbing, Hot and Cold Water System throughout. Best of Food and Service.
 Tel. Central 17. Telegraphic Address: "Viceroy" & "WITCH KILL, Manager."

MASSAGE

MR. SHIMIDZU
Mrs. HONDA
 No. 24, Wyndham Street.
 Tel. C. 4945.

ADELPHI HOTEL.

SINGAPORE.

This distinguished Hotel in the heart of Singapore's social life, with its commanding position facing the beautiful Cathedral Grounds and Sea, offers you complete hospitality and comfort in a refined atmosphere.

Unsurpassed for Meals. Excellent Wines.
 Orchestra Daily during
 and After Dinner.

The ONLY HOTEL IN SINGAPORE

fitted throughout with Modern Sanitation.

Cables: Adelphi
 Phone: 937, 938

ADELPHI HOTEL LTD.
HARRY H. WILLIES,
 Managing Director.

PRINTING

THE NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE, LTD

HONGKONG.

5, Wyndham Street Telephone Central 22

THE KWONG HIP LUNG CO. LTD.

ENGINEERS and SHIPBUILDERS, BOILERMAKERS, BRASS and IRON FOUNDRY. All work done in this establishment is guaranteed. We have over thirty years' experience. We can save money and time for you. Write for our list of work. Tel. Central 17. Address: 5, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

Sole

Agents:

MITSUI

BUSSAN

KAISHA

ASAHI

BEER



Discriminating smokers
 make a practice of
 insisting on



NESTLES



OFTEN
"WHIPPED"
NEVER
BEATEN

(125 oz, 5 1/2 oz and 4 oz Tins)

China Mail

NESTLES



TOPPING
WITH
ALL
SWEETS

(Free Recipe Booklet upon application.)

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1925.



THE BLUE FUNNEL LINE

REGULAR AND FAST
FREIGHT AND
PASSENGER SERVICES

LONDON SERVICE.
"ANTENOR" 13th Jan. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Glasgow.
"DARDANUS" 26th Jan. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg.

LIVERPOOL SERVICE.
"ACHILLES" 5th Jan. Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, L'pool & Glasgow.
"EUREKA" 19th Jan. Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, L'pool & Glasgow.
"LAOMEDON" 1st Feb. Genoa, Havre, L'pool & Glasgow.

PACIFIC SERVICE.
"KORU" & "YOKOHAMA" 10th Jan. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.
"PHILOCTETES" 27th Jan. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.

NEW YORK SERVICE.
"OYOLOPS" 7th Jan. Boston, New York & Baltimore.
"YANGTZE" 19th Jan. Boston, New York & Baltimore.

PASSENGER SERVICE.
"ANTENOR" 13th Jan. Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"DARDANUS" 26th Jan. Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"ACHILLES" 5th Jan. Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"EUREKA" 19th Jan. Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"LAOMEDON" 1st Feb. Singapore, Marseilles & London.

Also cargo steamers with limited passenger accommodation at specially reduced fares.
For freight and passage rates and information apply to—
Butterfield & Swire.
Agents.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Twenty-five words: three insertions prepaid \$1. Every additional word four cents for three insertions.

5, Wyndham St. Phone Central 22.

TO LET.
TO LET.—Six new European houses (8 flats each) in excellent locality at Gordon Road, Causeway Bay, servants' quarters, baths, all conveniences; rent very reasonable; tenancy by flat or house, as desired.—Clark & Co., 10, Des Voeux Road Central.

TO LET.
TO LET.—For six months from 1st April, 1926, six-roomed furnished house with large garden and garage at Deep Water Bay. Please write Box No. 386, c/o "China Mail."

HOUSES, Flats, Building-Lots.
Estates negotiated for rent, auction, or private sale. Management arranged for clients proceeding abroad. Telephone C. 4680. Small Investors, 10, Des Voeux Road.

FOR SALE.
FOR SALE.—STUDEBAKER SPECIAL SIX, five seater car in excellent condition, 1924 model. Please write Box No. 387, c/o "China Mail."

FOR SALE.
FOR SALE.—Pathé baby, complete outfit, camera, projector, developing outfit also 48 unexposed films. All in perfect condition. \$100. Telephone 3298.

TUITION GIVEN.
MISS DORIS WOODS, EXPERT TEACHER, latest Ball Room Dancing, including the simplified version of the French Tango, now the rage of London. Rapid tuition guaranteed. Private Lessons daily. Studio, 8 Beaconsfield Arcade. Tel. 3128.

WANTED.
WANTED.—Electric heater, second-hand, 200 volts (for Hongkong use), small size, good condition. State price and particulars to Box No. 382, c/o "China Mail."

WANTED.
WANTED.—One or two gentlemen to join a mess of two. In a new flat on Kowloon side. On business. Expenses very reasonable. Please address Box 381 c/o "China Mail."

SHARES, ETC.
WE have investors interested in sound local and rubber shares at favourable rates. Offers invited by telephone C. 4680 or in writing to Small Investors, 10, Des Voeux Road.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

Bookbinders.
"THE CHINA MAIL," Bookbinders.
No. 5, Wyndham Street.

Dentist.
HARRY FONG, Dentist,
1st floor, No. 74, Queen's Road Central. Tel. Central No. 1255.

Engineers & Shipbuilders.
W. S. BAILEY & CO., LTD.,
Engineer and Shipbuilder.
Kowloon Bay.
New Work and Repairs.
Call Flag "I."

Importers & Exporters.
KWONG SUN & CO., 58, Queen's Road Central. Ko Chi Chung (Manager), Kwong King Him (Asst.). Tel. Central 3189.

Land & Estate Agents.
PUN YICK CHO, Land & Estate Agents.
Tel. Central 911-1987.
35, Queen's Road Central.

Modistes.
MADAME FLINT,
31, Queen's Road Central.
Tel. Central 589.
(latest Parisian models)

Optician.
N. LAZARUS,
Hongkong's ONLY European Optician. Modern sight testing equipment, prompt repair service. We duplicate any lens. Manager R. A. Cooper, Qualified Sight Testing Optician by Canadian Government Exam 12, Queen's Road Central.

Photographers.
MEE CHEUNG, Photographer,
25, Ice House Street,
Beaconsfield Arcade Branch,
Developing & Printing undertaken.

Printers.
"THE CHINA MAIL," General Printers.
Publishers and Bookbinders.
5, Wyndham Street. Tel. C. 22.

Ship Chandlery.
E. HING & CO.,
25, Wing Woo St. Tel. C. 1116.
Metal Merchants and Ship Chandlery.
Managing Director—Mr. H. S. CHIN.

QUEEN'S SUPER CINEMAS

TO-DAY till SATURDAY
D. W. GRIFFITH
presents
CAROL DEMPSTER AND W. C. FIELDS.
in
SALLY OF THE SAWDUST

STAR
TO-DAY ONLY
at 5.30 and 9.15 p.m.
BARBARA LA MARR
in
STRANGERS OF THE NIGHT
(Captain Applejack)

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.
On FRIDAY the 1st January, 1926, and SATURDAY, the 2nd January, the G.P.O. and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:—
The G.P.O. FRIDAY 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and SATURDAY 8 a.m. to noon.
Kowloon Branch—FRIDAY 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and SATURDAY 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Wantsai, Sheungwan, Salyingpun and Yau-mat Branches—8 a.m. to 9 a.m. each day.
There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on SUNDAYS, and also one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m.
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.
The Radio Service has reverted to normal hours of working. Messages may be handed in at any hour of the day or night during General Post Office hours at Radio Counter, Main Hall, at all other times messages should be taken through the corner entrance at Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road to the Radio Office on the 3rd floor of the building, these doors will be closed after 10 p.m. but admittance may be obtained by ringing the night-bell.
The Parcel Post Service is suspended until further notice.
Radio Traffic with Canton and Swatow is suspended until further notice.
Intercept Radio Telegrams are subject to delay.
Messages in code must have name of Code used included in text.

INWARD MAILS.

FROM	FRIDAY, JANUARY 1.	FOR
Japan		Kamo Maru
Manila		Pres. Wilson
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai		Empress of Russia
Manila		Pres. Jefferson
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai		Koro Maru
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai		Pres. Hayes
Japan		Arifura
Shanghai		Amboho
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai		Pres. Grant
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai		Pres. Lincoln
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1.		St. Albans
Australia and Manila		

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	FRIDAY, JANUARY 1.	THRU
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa		5 p.m.
Fakhoi and Haiphong		5 p.m.
Shanghai		10.30 a.m.
Hankow and Haiphong		10.30 a.m.
Shanghai		10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Bangkok		10.30 a.m.
Shanghai		12.30 p.m.
Shanghai		2.30 p.m.
Amoy		9 a.m.
Strait, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, N. & S. Africa		9 a.m.
Amoy, Hongkong & Shanghai		9 a.m.
Registration 8.45 a.m. Letter 9.30 a.m.		
Shanghai, Japan, Hongkong, N. & S. Africa		9 a.m.
Canada, U.S.A. & S. America & Europe		9 a.m.
via SAN FRANCISCO—due San Fran.		
Shanghai, Japan, Hongkong, N. & S. Africa		9 a.m.
Canada, U.S.A. & S. America & Europe		9 a.m.
via SAN FRANCISCO—due San Fran.		
Shanghai, Japan, Hongkong, N. & S. Africa		9 a.m.
Canada, U.S.A. & S. America & Europe		9 a.m.
via SAN FRANCISCO—due San Fran.		
Shanghai, Japan, Hongkong, N. & S. Africa		9 a.m.
Canada, U.S.A. & S. America & Europe		9 a.m.
via SAN FRANCISCO—due San Fran.		
Shanghai, Japan, Hongkong, N. & S. Africa		9 a.m.
Canada, U.S.A. & S. America & Europe		9 a.m.
via SAN FRANCISCO—due San Fran.		

See Hoot in the Greatest Picture He Ever Made—Bar None!

He won a tremendous race against overwhelming odds for the two girls who loved him. See him ride the outlaw bronc to victory and fool his enemies at the famous Pendleton Round-Up of 1924. The most wonderful cowboy picture you ever saw starring the fighting, smiling out-door-king

Hoot GIBSON
in his greatest photoplay achievement
"LET 'ER BUCK"

Supported by tens of thousands of real spectators at the world's greatest Cowboy Show ever staged in the Northwest.

Showing To-day and To-morrow
At the WORLD

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED

WITH reference to the Notice to the Shareholders of this Company dated 23rd October, 1925, whereby the Final Call of \$3.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 4th January, 1926, instead of 3rd November, 1925, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of this Call.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 4th March, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 4th March, 1926.

For THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., (1918) LTD.
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.

BANK HOLIDAYS.
IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be closed for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on FRIDAY, and SATURDAY, the 1st and 2nd January 1926.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1925.

NOTICE.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. E. MUNFORD is no longer connected with this Company, and ceased to sign as Secretary from 1st December, 1925.

KOWLOON TONG & NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD.
E. D. BLANK,
General Manager.

HOTEL MYSTERY.

NORWEGIAN'S DEATH ON SINGAPORE.

MONEY MISSING.

Mystery surrounds the death of a Norwegian named Olmord Wohl Schroeder, which occurred in the Europe Hotel.

The affair is being closely investigated by the detective department, who were extremely reticent when interviewed regarding it but it is known that the suspected cause of death was open poisoning, and there is believed to be a very considerable amount of money missing. The police, however, refuse to make any statement at this stage of the enquiries regarding the money.

The deceased went into the town on the Thursday night, and early in the morning it was discovered that the door of his room was locked. It was eventually broken in, and the deceased was discovered in bed, apparently ill. Dr. Ratnay was called, and did all he could, but the deceased nevertheless died about mid-day.

The deceased was a ship-chandler, and had an office in Robinson Road, which is now locked and guarded by police. The address on his correspondence was Cottingham Villa, Tanah Merah, near the very little appears to be known about him.

His body was removed to the mortuary during the afternoon, and a post-mortem will be held. If that establishes the suspicion of open poisoning an enquiry will be held.

Principal and Publishing: The Newspaper Enterprise Limited.
Printed by: THE HONGKONG SHANGHAI ROUTE LTD.

THE HONGKONG OPTICAL CO.
Phone 2232.
68, Queen's Road Central.

Photographers.
MEE CHEUNG, Photographer,
25, Ice House Street,
Beaconsfield Arcade Branch,
Developing & Printing undertaken.

Printers.
"THE CHINA MAIL," General Printers.
Publishers and Bookbinders.
5, Wyndham Street. Tel. C. 22.

Ship Chandlery.
E. HING & CO.,
25, Wing Woo St. Tel. C. 1116.
Metal Merchants and Ship Chandlery.
Managing Director—Mr. H. S. CHIN.